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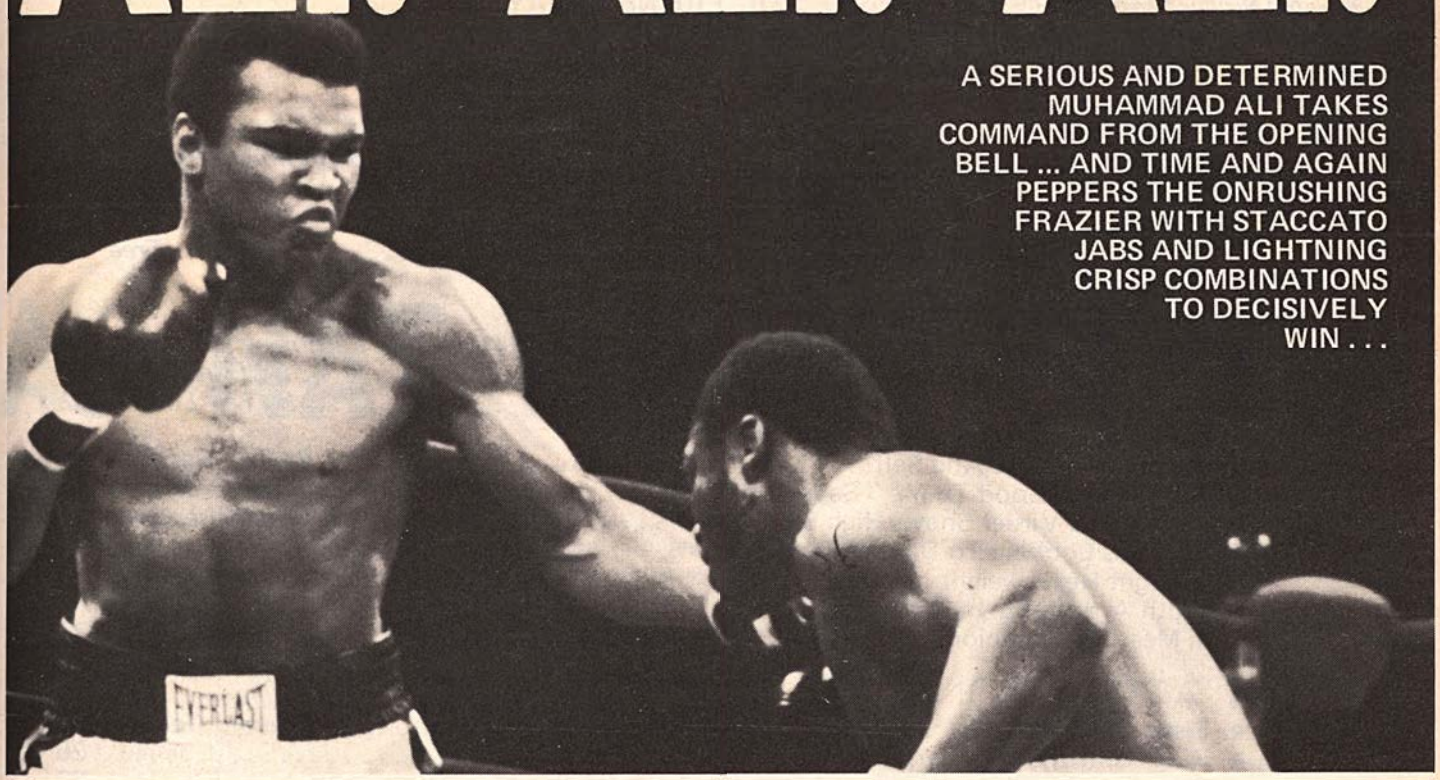

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

HEAVYWEIGHT boxing history presents no parallel to the case of Muhammad Ali.

If it had to be proved over again, Ali's outstanding position as a crowd magnet, as the strongest attraction in the annals of the sport, were demonstrated forcibly in Madison Square Garden, when Clay defeated Joe Frazier in a splendid 12-round contest.

Ali did not stand out as one of the top ten of heavyweight history. It is to be regretted that this place is denied to him by his lack of punching power.

But lacking this power himself, he managed to nullify Frazier's hitting strength with tactics which suited the occasion for Cassius to a T.

There were more than 20,000 fans in the Garden and report had it that, with the help of closed circuit television, each fighter would receive close to $3,000,000.

Take Ali out of the picture and send Frazier against anybody; like Norton, or possibly even George Foreman, and you definitely do not pack the arena, you definitely do not produce the limitless bedlam which existed in the arena from the moment that Cassius showed himself until long after his victory had been announced.

Muhammad was not the fighter he had been in his championship days. Nor, for that matter, was Joe the bulldozing, smashing fighter he had been before his first encounter with Clay.

But it was "Ali, Ali" ceaselessly.

Like him or dislike him, the fact remains that Cassius gave to boxing that tremendous toning up that it so badly needed before he came upon the scene.

Foreman, the new champion of the world, went on exhibition tours which played to meagre houses.

Cassius Clay, the "once-was," as a fighter, drew the victory and money, no matter where and when he showed. From the U.S. to Jakarta, they came streaming into the venues of his appearances, filling arenas as they could not be filled by any other fighter in heavyweight history.

In the old days champions were lucky to draw in vaudeville houses. But in the case of Clay, capacities of arenas were found to be inadequate.

Barring a knockout, Cassius and Joe can go on boxing for a long, long time. Will the fight public tire of Ali? No, never!

Cassius Clay came into the game at a time when the sport was in sore need of stirring up, in a bad state for lack of an exciting character. Clay proved to be the powerful stimulus of which boxing was in need. He produced an effect almost like that of an arousing drug.

Well do I recollect Clay's early fights, especially the battle with Sonny Banks in the St. Nicholas Arena. Banks knocked him down. But Ali knocked him out, in the fourth round.

Eventually there came the Garden fight with Doug Jones. The decision went to Clay. It was disputed.

Never again was Jones the fighter he had been against Cassius.

Ali, on the other hand, went on and on, from one victory to another.

Henry Cooper, the Pride of Britain, went out in five rounds.

The success against 'Enery was repeated, in six rounds.

Karl Mildenberger, the Pride of Germany, was knocked out in 12 rounds.

On and on went this fast moving, taunting boxer, the legions of his admirers growing.

Came a threat to his popularity. He had joined the Muslims and Uncle Sam called him to Vietnam. He refused.

Any other fighter since Sullivan would have found this test highly injurious. A deadly handicap.

But after an interval of a little more than three years, Cassius Clay, supposedly deteriorated beyond recovery, picked world champion Joe Frazier with whom to pack the Garden.

Joe won the decision. Even had Cassius on the floor in Round 15.

Did it hurt Ali? Not an iota.

Frazier lost his title to George Foreman. Would that projected second fight with Cassius suffer seriously?

Not a bit of it. The New York arena once again was jammed. Closed circuit locations poured thousands into the ancillary kitty. The all time magnet had done it again.

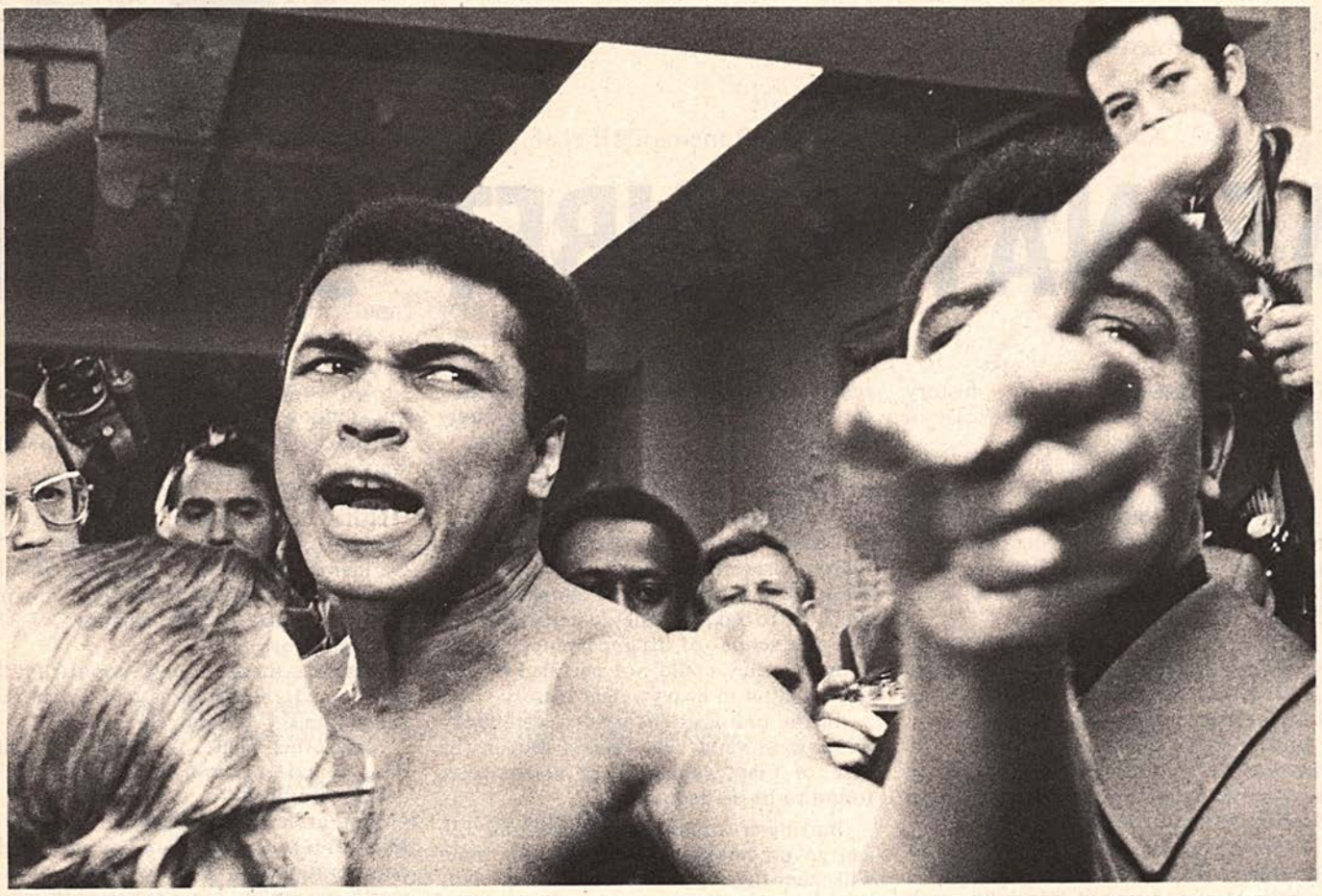
Blessed be thou, oh Allah. Blessed be Mecca, to whom all Moslems turn in their hours of joy and hours of need.

Just hang out the sign, "Cassius is Here" and see what happens.

What I'll Do When I'm Through

By MUHAMMAD ALI

AS TOLD TO MURRAY GOODMAN



Muhammad Ali is one of the most strongly opinionated men to ever hold the heavyweight crown. His ideas on how to live or retire are well thought out.

WHEN and if I hang up the competitive gloves—and everybody in athletic competition must face that day—I'll have a full blue print for the future. It will, however, be a flexible blue print, subject to the changes of events and conditions.

I have always maintained that a man who has no imagination has no wings and cannot fly. I do not want to set the world on fire but neither do I have to roll over and disappear from the face of the earth.

The people will not let Muhammad Ali die. It will long remain a legendary name in boxing not because I'm just pretty and charming but because I earned that right to be loved by many. I gave the people what they wanted. I fought for minorities and their rights in this world. I have travelled the world urging people to see that their children were encouraged to become better educated to seek the many freedoms they now don't have. I will never cease in that fight to do the best for my people.

I have been fortunate to be able in my lectures to relate to all peoples, young and old. They listen to me and believe me because what I say is both down to earth and common sense. That is why I will devote a good part of my time as a Moslem Minister, preaching the teachings of Elijah Muhammad. By the time this is written, I may have already sold my home in Cherry Hill, N.J., and moved to Chicago to be closer to the Moslem scene.

There will be no financial problems for Muhammad Ali and his family. I will be either world champion again or will have done my best to win the title when I'm ready to quit fighting. The fight for the championship with either George Foreman or Ken Norton, depending on who wins the pending fight, will constitute the biggest purse in the history of boxing. That will give me well over $3,000,000 in the bank in money alone and all my children and my

wife will have nothing to worry about. I will see to it that the children are given the best possible education so that they can all meet the challenges of life.

My training camp in Deer Lake, Pa., which I call a "Fighter's Heaven", will remain active. It is possible that I may decide to sell it but that, at this writing, is remote. I plan to use it myself to maintain my own physical condition. I don't ever again want to become fat and flabby. It is so easy to maintain condition once you've learned the secret.

My camp will be made available to all youth groups to religious sects for special days and outings and to other fighters who want to use it for training. There is no finer camp for an athlete to get into condition. I have even given thought to expanding a part of it into a day camp.

I will continue to lecture at colleges where I can fit the bookings in without interfering with my work as a minister. I will also box exhibitions in the many foreign countries that have long been trying to get me to come over. My earning capacity in retirement will be as great, if not greater, than it was as a boxer.

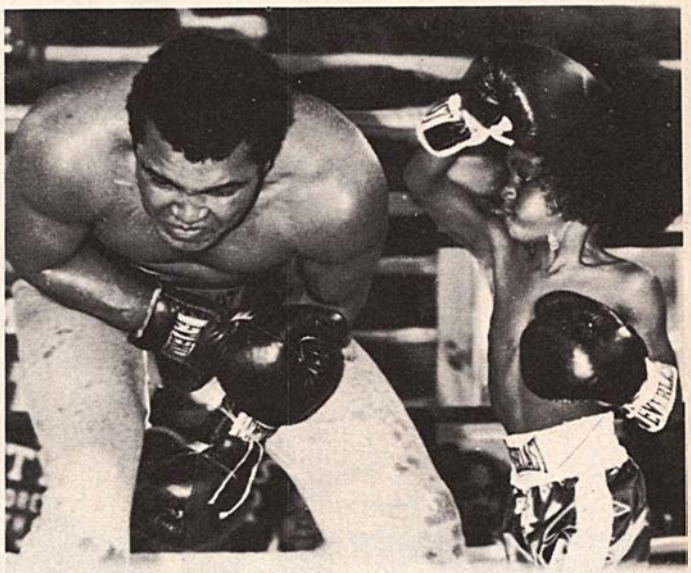
I have even entertained the idea of managing, training and developing young fighters. The thought intrigues me since I have my own methods of training and teaching. Just think of it, the one and only Muhammad Ali creating another fighter in his own image. Can the world be ready for another Ali?

The boxing world should begin preparing even now for my departure from the active fight picture. It is not conceit. Boxing will miss Muhammad Ali. The promoters should begin developing new faces and new talents. The champion of the world, whoever he is, must be a leader who fights often and helps the sport. There should be a worldwide search for heavyweights. Promoters should spend some money to keep boxing alive. They should start thinking in terms of giving young athletes an incentive to become fighters—guaranteed pay while learning, pensions, health insurance. Unlike any other sport, boxing is far behind in fringe benefits.

I will retire some day, perhaps soon, but I will never forsake boxing. Let us hope that the people in boxing don't forsake it after I'm gone.

Ali relaxing at his Deer Lake, Pa., training camp in which everything is on the rustic side. Ali is great on the "back to nature" bit. Admittedly, he also enjoys the better things of life.

Consistent with his love of children Ali is seen with Young Tiger, a boxing hopeful.



Keeping in top physical condition will always be serious stuff for Ali.

"Ali Is Not Afraid Of Any Fighter," Says Dundee

By DAN DANIEL

Angelo Dundee is shown here taping the hands of heavyweight contender Jimmy Ellis.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla—"It's a lie," said Angelo Dundee, Muhammad Ali's trainer.

"I wonder what lies they will dope out next. A story comes out of New York that Muhammad and Jerry Quarry will fight in Madison Square Garden on May 5. Forty-eight hours later, the Garden announces that there will be no fight.

"Immediately there is a yarn out of Yarntown. Ali has reneged on fighting Quarry because he is afraid of him.

"The alleged experts around the Garden figure that Ali has been going back and Quarry has been coming up.

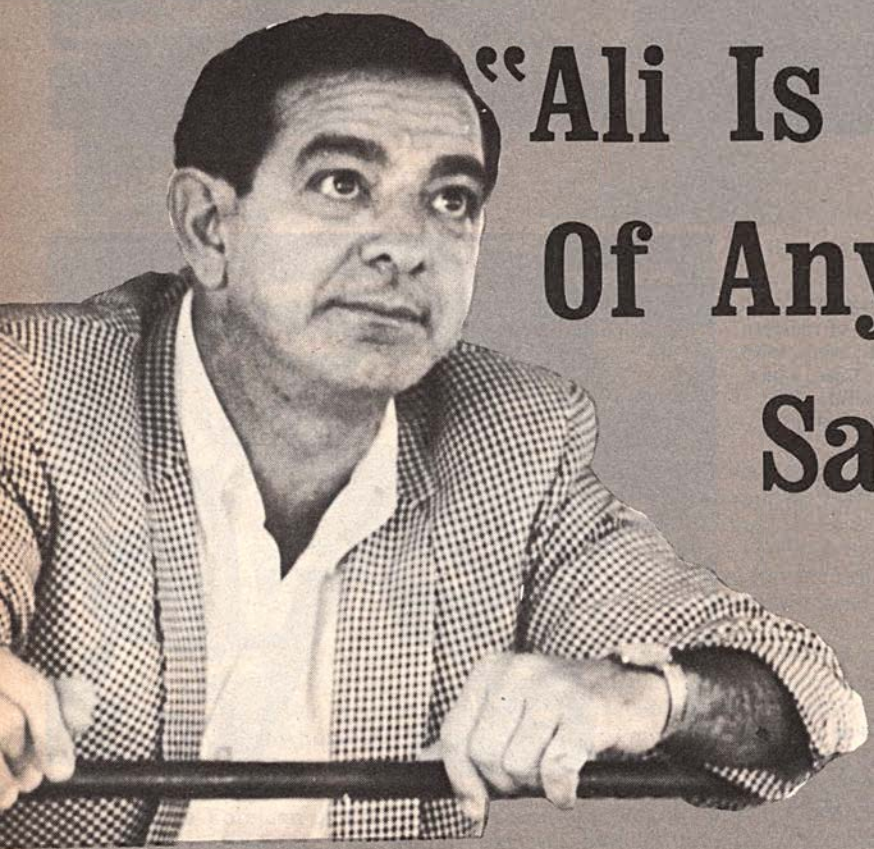
"I am not the manager of Ali. That job belongs to Herbert Muhammad.

"If a match is arranged for Ali, Herbert calls me, tells me all the details and I arrange for the fighter's training.

"Herbert did not call me with any details of a Quarry fight in New York or anywhere else. In short, there was no fight.

"There is not now, nor has there ever been a fighter against whom Ali would have backed away or, or is afraid of now. The accusation that he is afraid of Quarry is trash, the bunk. It is a libel against one of the greatest, most courageous battlers in the game.

"It is simply this. Muhammad Ali is tired. He is entitled to a



Dundee inently watches some training action. He says Muhammad Ali is afraid of no one.

long rest. He went through a three month grind in Rocky Marciano style. He wants to rest, to be with his family, to escape the autograph hunters. There are times when they get beyond endurance.

"Can you name another great fighter who fought as often as Ali has fought? Was there ever before a heavyweight champion of the world, when Ali owned the title, who defended his world title as often as Ali did?

"He fought all comers. He dodged nobody. Yet the very men who praised Muhammad now accuse him of being afraid of a man he already has whipped.

"Compare Quarry with Ali and tell me if there is any reason for suspecting fear on Ali's part. Quoting out of the school books, upon what food has this Quarry fed that he is now so great?

"I do not know just what the programme laid out for Ali looks like. Maybe Ali is saving Jerry for the time when he has taken care of more urgent business."

Angie then went into the race statement Quarry is reported to have made.

Jerry has been quoted that Muhammad will not fight him because he is white. He is reported to have determined that the big payoffs must land in black hands.

Angie said, "I am with Ali, and I am white. That, for me, is the complete answer to the race matter. I am not placed in a position to discuss the ethnic questions.

"I do not believe that there are ethnic considerations in the fight game.

"Joe Frazier insists on a third fight. Ali wants to fight George Foreman and do what Floyd Patterson did when he held the title twice. But this guff about being afraid of Quarry? It is to laugh. I am sure that Jerry himself never backed up Ali's detracters.

"Muhammad has absolutely no reason to believe that Quarry could make the showing Frazier did in the Garden in January.

The conversation turned to the Foreman-Ken Norton championship battle.

"What do I know about that fight?" asked Dundee. "Foreman fought Norton at Caracas on March 26. It seems that there was some debate between the lawyers for George and Mrs. Foreman. They have decided to split.

"A California divorce entails certain property settlements at which Foreman may have balked. I know no details. Maybe a reporter assumed that there was trouble on that score. But soon there were assurances that the fight was definitely on and Norton would get his chance in Venezuela.

"Is Norton likely to have a serious chance to gain the title? That is a question which I am not competent to discuss. Don't forget that George, the title holder, has only a brief track record. He disposed of Frazier in two rounds and that is all we have to go on about Foreman the titleholder. He decked Frazier six times in less than six minutes. That is all I know about George.

"Foreman cannot possibly be easier for a trainer to get along with than Ali. Dick Sadler some time ago asked me about my relations with Ali. He had had a connection with Muhammad early in his pro career. I said, "Ali's treatment of me has been worthy of the purple heart and seven clusters. He is a great guy, a great fighter."

With Ali and his extended vacation out of the way, we talked about the recent fight between Carlos Monzon, the

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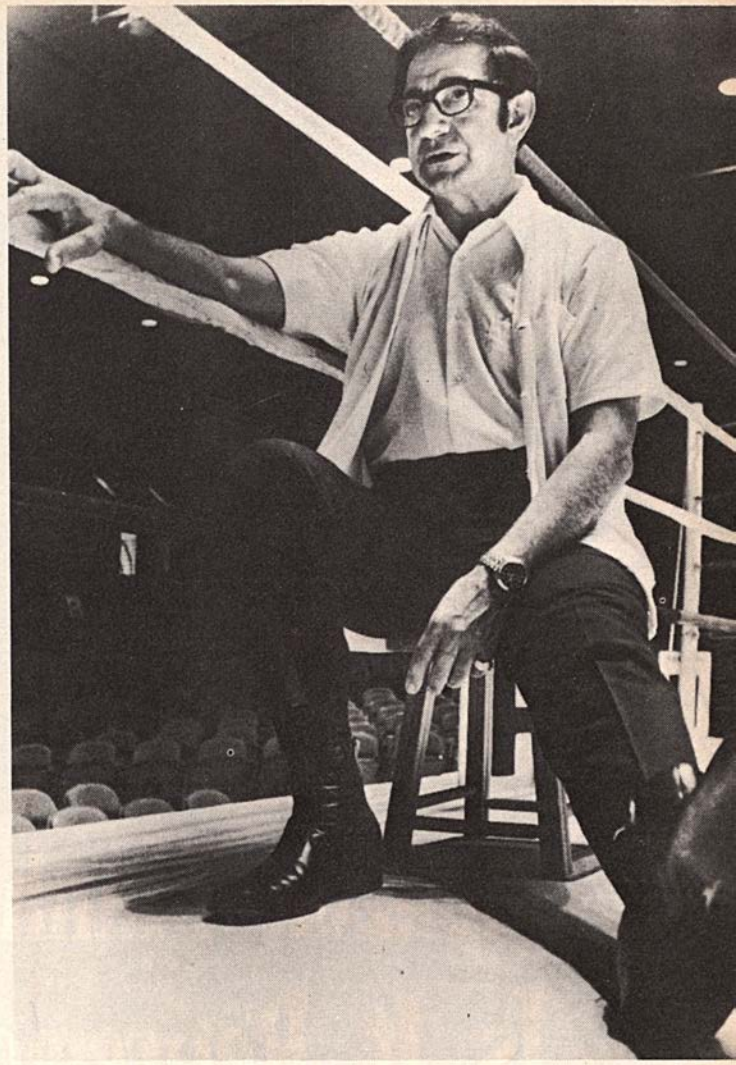
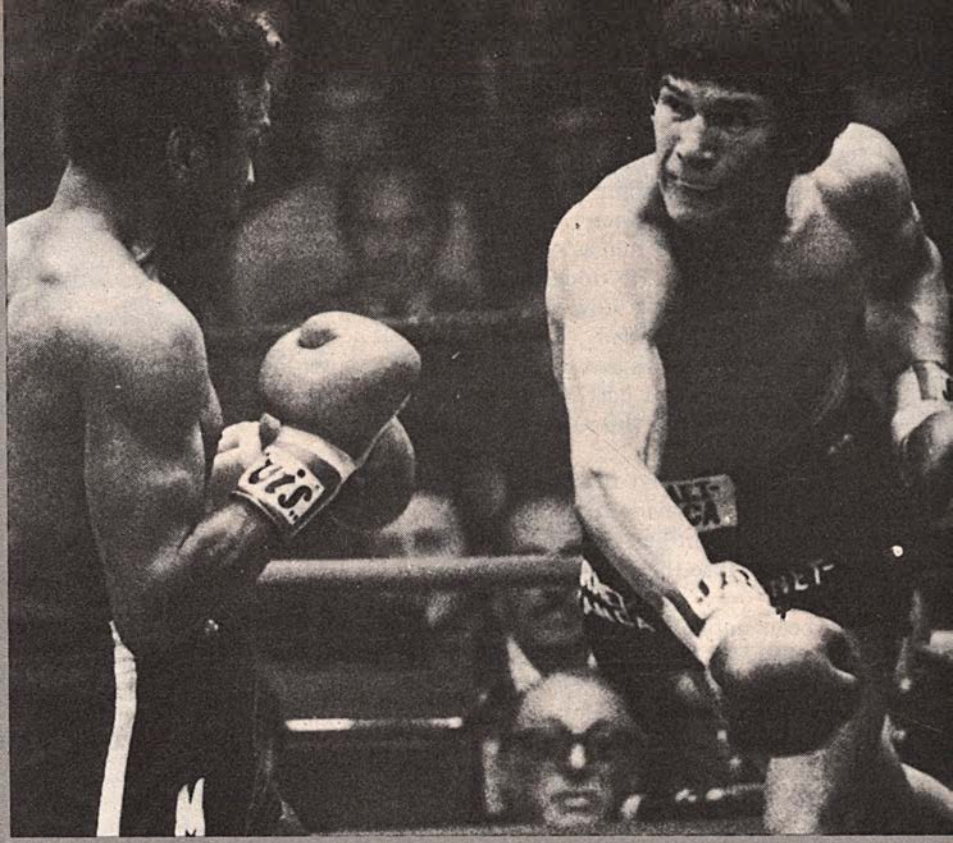


(Above) While sitting on stool in ring of empty arena, Angelo ponders things. (Below) Dundee cuts up a few touches with boxing publicist Bob Goodman, who is obviously enjoying what he's listening to.

By J. A. TREE



Monzon Manhandles Napoles; Is It Retirement Or Valdez?

PARIS—Carlos Monzon of Argentina, middleweight champion of the world, turned back the challenge to his title by Jose Napoles, the welterweight champion, in seven rounds of a strictly one sided fight, that was scheduled for 15.

Over 11,000 fans paid between $30 and $140 to witness the title fight that was held in a parking lot covered over with a huge tent near here.

Napoles went into the fray a 10 to 6 underdog and the odds proved right as he threatened the middleweight titleholder in only one round, the first. In that session he managed to spear Monzon with several good left jabs and broke through the Argentinian's guard to land effectively with several looping right hands to the head.

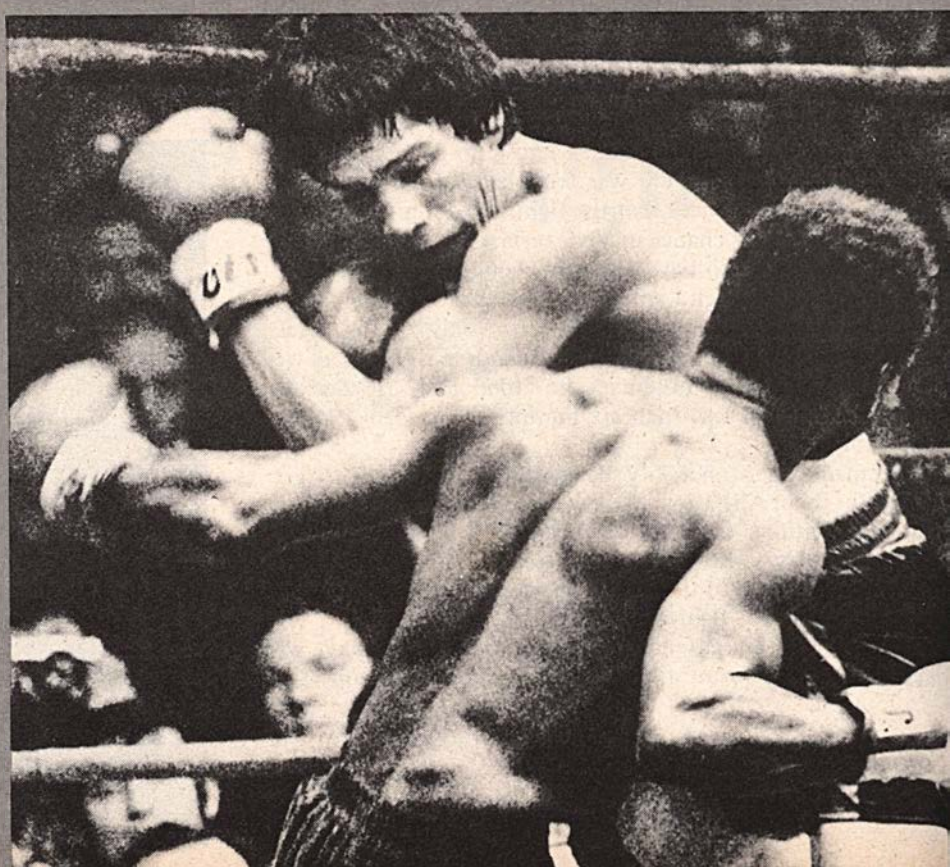
From the second round on, Napoles, who was born in Cuba but fights out of Mexico, was an an also ran. The fight was halted by cornermen Phil Silvers and Angelo Dundee when Napoles, bleeding from the nose and right eye, was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round.

Dundee, Ali's trainer and Doctor Ferdie Pacheco, one of Muhammad Ali's physicians, said, "Napoles was hit in the eye accidently with a thumb and couldn't see anymore."

It was Dundee who suggested to referee Raymond Baldayrou that Napoles was in no condition to continue the contest and the referee made the final decision to halt the fray.

The loss was the seventh for the 33-year-old Napoles against 72 wins. At 153 pounds, he was outweighed by six pounds but it wasn't the weight difference that spelled defeat for the game Mexican.

The ninth consecutive successful defense of his middleweight crown by Monzon cut short the chance of Napoles to become the fourth man in boxing to win the middleweight title after holding



(Top) Middleweight king Carlos Monzon fires a right at welterweight champ Jose Napoles during their title match in Paris. (Right) Napoles is about to toss a left but Monzon is well aware and is ready to block it.

the welterweight bauble. The others to achieve this feat were: Sugar Ray Robinson, Carmen Basilio and Emile Griffith.

The deciding factor in the outcome was the inherent physical strength of Monzon as compared to Napoles, who wilted both mentally and physically when his early best efforts had no apparent effect on the middleweight champ.

In the second and third rounds, Napoles gave the fight "the old college try" but his Sunday punch, which landed less and less as the fight progressed, never halted the aggressive, overpowering Monzon.

If Napoles had any chance, the fourth round saw both his mental and physical breakdown.

Using his five-inch reach advantage, Monzon really went to work on the challenger in the fifth and sixth rounds. A solid right to the head by Monzon shocked Napoles, who had begun bleeding from a cut under his right eye. That punch, his bad eye, and increasing inability to break through Monzon's defenses frustrated Napoles. Jose shook his head in disbelief that this could be happening to him. Napoles had always been on the giving end of such punishment in his welterweight fights.

He drew himself together and attempted to fight back but a series of combinations by the middleweight champ, lefts and rights to the head and body crashed home leaving him unsteady on his feet at the end of the round.

It was apparent to those at ringside that, barring a miracle, the end was only a question of time.

Monzon takes advantage of his long reach to prevent Napoles from hitting him with a long left.

At the clang of the bell for round six, Monzon slid out of his corner and stalked Napoles, spearing him with left leads, looking for an opening for his ponderous right. He forced Napoles into the ropes and the opening came. Two heavy right hands jarred Napoles, who was forced to spread his legs to keep from falling. Then came the final damaging sock, a left hook which spun the welter champ halfway around. The bell saved the challenger from further punishment.

He was hustled back to his corner where, despite the work of his handlers, he sat glassy eyed, blood dripping from under his right eye, his nose dripping blood, a picture of dejection, a beaten fighter.

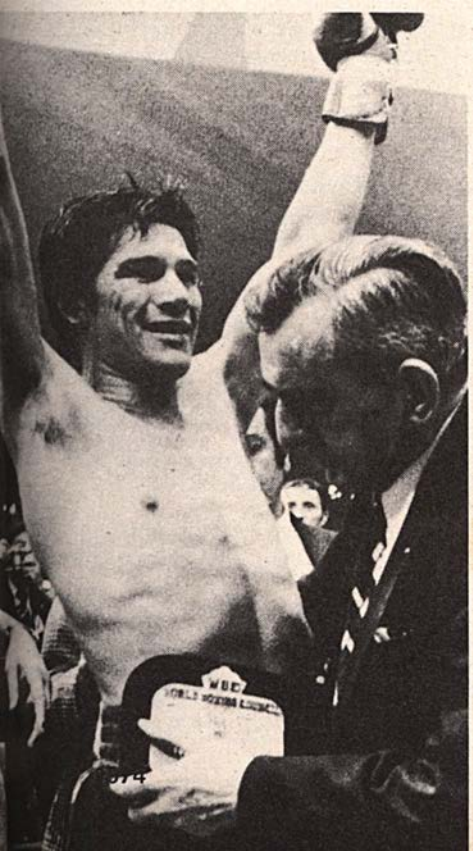
It was an act of mercy when, after the bell rang to begin the seventh round, Napoles' handlers signalled to the referee that their charge had had enough. The fight will go into The Ring Record Book as a seventh round knockout.

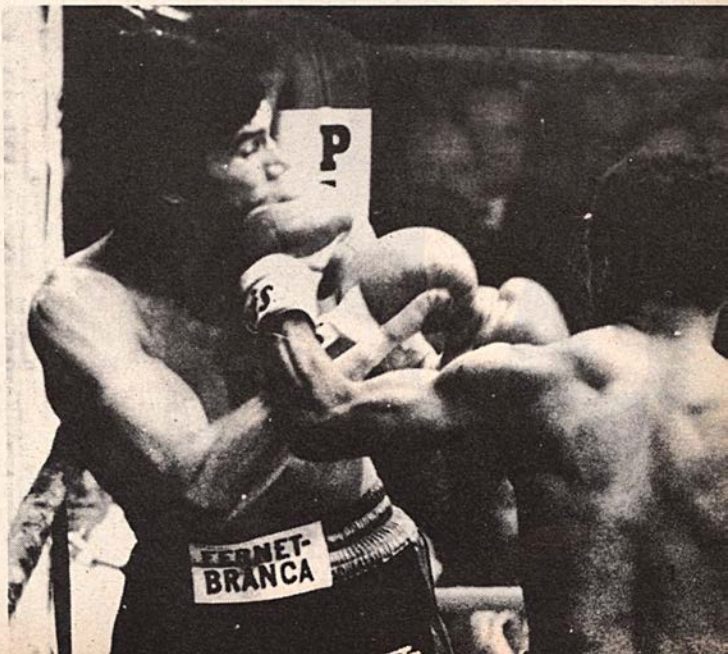
After the fight Monzon said: "He was a game fighter but I expected more from him—it was much easier than I had expected."

Several reports to the effect that Monzon would retire circulated around ringside but, while being questioned immediately after the contest, Monzon stated that his next opponent would be Rodrigo Valdez of Columbia. That doesn't sound like retirement.

As we go to press, the World Boxing Council announced it had levied a $10,000 fine against Monzon for his failure to undergo a urine test immediately after the fight, a mandatory procedure.

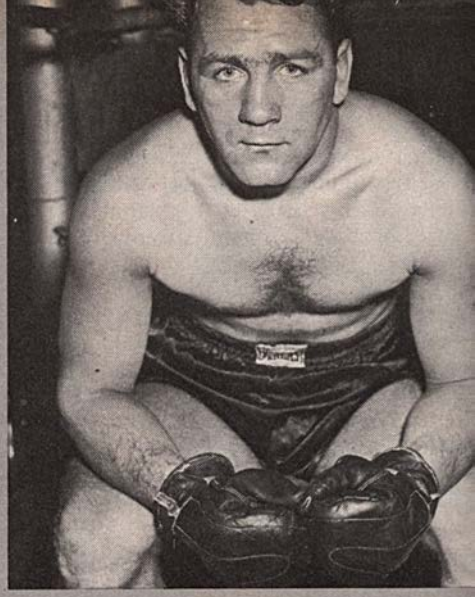
One of Napoles' associates stated that only a trailer was provided for a dressing room with no washing facilities and that Monzon left right after the fight to go to his hotel room. The day after the fight, the officials did manage to get a urine test but the officials felt that disciplinary action was called for and the fine was imposed.





(Left) Monzon acknowledges the cheers of the crowd after battering Napoles into defeat, when Jose failed to answer the bell for the seventh round. (Right) Napoles connects with a left to the jaw during the early going.

SAMMY ANGOTT



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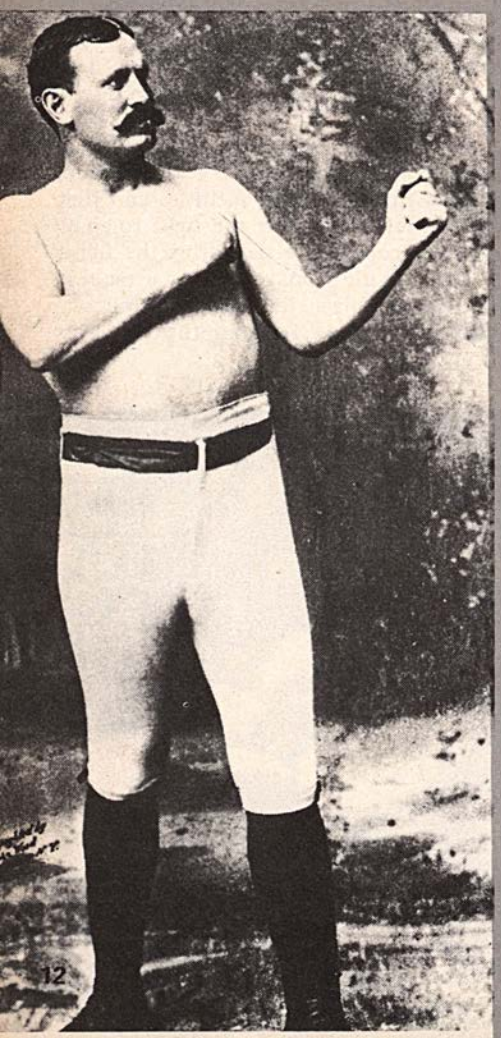
LESNEVICH, ANGOTT, DELANEY, GENARO, RYAN IN HALL OF FAME

By NAT LOUBET



PADDY RYAN

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For the 20th consecutive year, members of the fourth estate, radio and television sportcasters and other experts, have been polled to determine which fighters could fill the requirements for election to the Hall.

There are three categories in which eligibility is divided. There is the Pioneer, elected by the Board of Directors; the Oldtimers, fighters active 35 or more years ago and elected by a board of 20 elder boxing statesmen. To be elected in this class a fighter must receive over 15 of the 20 votes. The third category is voted upon in a world-wide poll. The moderns is composed of fighters who have been active within the past 35 years and have been retired for a minimum of at least two years. To gain admittance to this part of the Hall, a fighter must receive at least 75% of the total number of votes cast.

This year, five names have been added to the Hall of Fame. This brings the number of Hall of Famers to 123, of whom 38 have been named by the Modern Writers and Sportcasters; 55 by the Oldtimer's Committee; and 30 by the Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

The 1973 elected are:

To the Modern group, with 607 votes cast and 75% necessary for election:

1. Gus Lesnevich, with 473 votes.
2. Sammy Angott, with 462 votes.

The members picked by The Oldtimers were:

1. Jack Delaney.
2. Frankie Genaro.

The Board of Directors named one new entrant to the Pioneer Group:

Paddy Ryan, the American heavyweight champion in 1880.

Ryan had the shortest record of all the American heavyweight bareknuckle champions. He won the title from Joe Goss in 87 rounds, at Collier Station, West Virginia. The fight lasted 1 hour and 24 minutes.

Ryan will be remembered for his bare fist and glove fights, three in number, with the immortal John L. Sullivan who knocked out Ryan in 9 rounds and three, with one fight being halted by New York police after one round has passed.

Paddy was born on March 15, 1853, at Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland. His losses to

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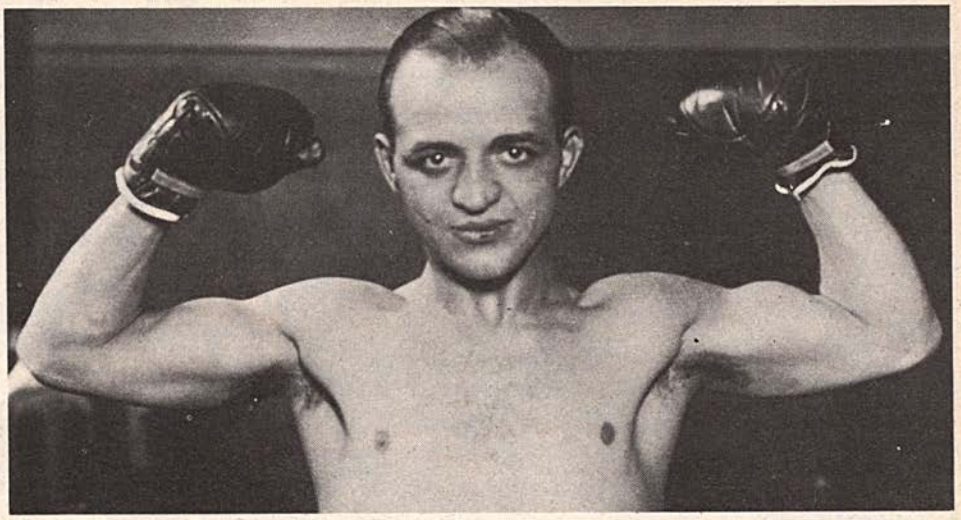
JACK DELANEY
(left)



FRANKIE GENARO
(above)

BOXING'S HALL OF FAME

(Inaugurated 1954)

The Immortal 123

Elected by Modern Writers and Broadcasters

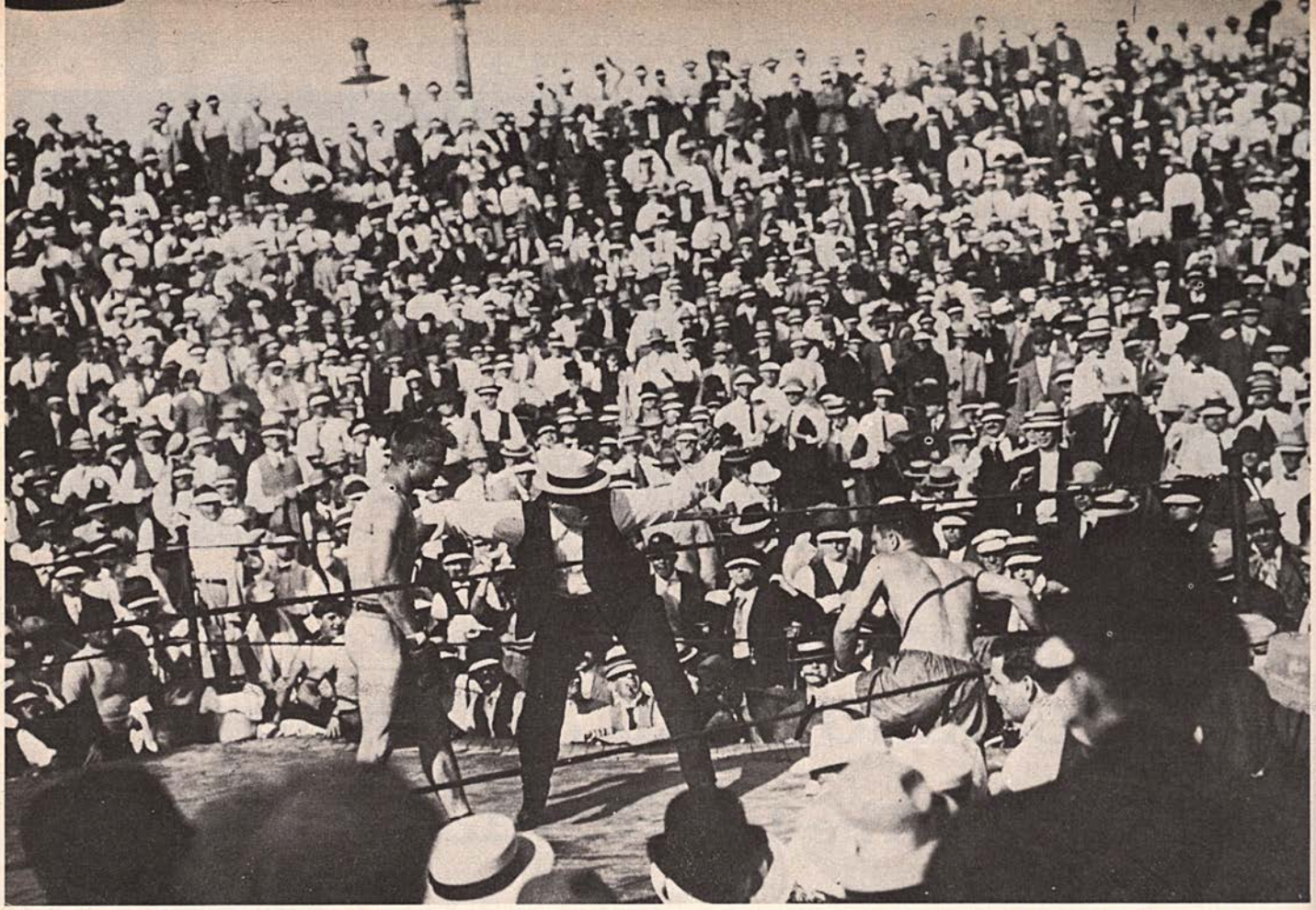
1954 Jack Dempsey
1954 Joe Louis
1954 Henry Armstrong
1955 Benny Leonard
1955 Gene Tunney
1955 Harry Greb
1955 Mickey Walker
1956 Tony Canzoneri
1956 Jimmy McLarnin
1956 Barney Ross
1956 Tommy Loughran
1957 Johnny Dundee
1958 Tony Zale
1959 Kid Chocolate
1959 Rocky Marciano
1960 Jack Britton
1961 Lew Tendler
1962 Billy Petrolle
1962 Marcel Cerdan
1963 Willie Pep
1964 Lou Ambers
1964 Jim Braddock
1965 Billy Conn
1966 Archie Moore
1966 Kid Gavilan
1967 Ray Robinson
1968 Max Baer
1969 Carmen Basilio
1969 Jersey Joe Walcott
1970 Max Schmeling
1970 Ezzard Charles
1971 Rocky Graziano
1971 Sandy Saddler
1972 Maxie Rosenbloom
1972 Fritzie Zivic
1972 Beau Jack
1973 Gus Lesnevich
1973 Sammy Angott

Elected by Old-Timers Committee

1954 John L. Sullivan
1954 Jack McAuliffe
1954 Young Griffo
1954 Nonpareil Jack Dempsey
1954 James J. Corbett
1954 Bob Fitzsimmons
1954 Joe Gans
1954 Jack Johnson
1954 Stanley Ketchel
1954 James J. Jeffries
1955 Terry McGovern
1955 Joe Walcott
1955 Abe Attell
1955 Sam Langford
1956 George Dixon
1956 Jem Driscoll
1957 Kid McCoy
1957 Charley Mitchell
1957 Battling Nelson
1957 Packey McFarland
1957 Les Darcy
1958 Ad Wolgast
1958 Mike Gibbons
1958 Tommy Ryan
1959 Tom Sharkey
1959 Jack Dillon
1959 George Kid Lavigne
1959 Jimmy Wilde
1959 Pete Herman
1960 Joe Choynski
1960 Freddie Welsh
1960 Johnny Kilbane
1960 Tommy Burns
1961 Jack Root
1961 Pancho Villa
1962 Willie Ritchie
1963 Tom Gibbons
1964 Georges Carpentier
1964 Ted (Kid) Lewis
1965 Johnny Coulon
1965 Young Corbett II (Billy Rothwell)
1965 Owen Moran
1966 Battling Levinsky
1967 Joe Jeannette
1968 Philadelphia Jack O'Brien
1969 Leo Houck
1969 Jeff Smith
1970 Kid Williams
1970 Harry Wills
1971 Paul Berlenbach
1971 Tiger Flowers
1972 Billy Papke
1972 Fidel LaBarba
1973 Jack Delaney
1973 Frankie Genaro

Pioneer Group—Elected by Directors

1954 James Figg
1954 Jack Broughton
1954 Tom Cribb
1954 Tom Hyer
1954 Daniel Mendoza
1954 Tom Sayers
1954 Gentleman John Jackson
1954 John C. Heenan
1954 Arthur Chambers
1954 John Morrissey
1954 Jem Mace
1955 William (Bendigo) Thompson
1956 Bill Richmond
1957 Peter Jackson
1958 Tom Molineaux
1959 John Gully
1960 Don Donnelly
1961 Tom Spring
1962 Ned Price
1963 Jem Ward
1964 Sam Collyer
1965 Jake Kilrain
1966 James (Deaf) Burke
1967 Barney (Young) Aaron
1968 Jacob Hyer
1969 Joe Goss
1970 Professor Mike Donovan
1971 Nobby Clark
1972 Tom Chandler
1973 Paddy Ryan



In a remarkably clear picture, considering it was taken in 1908, we see Billy Papke in the act of stopping the legendary Stanley Ketchel in the 12th round at Vernon, Calif. The referee with the straw hat is ex-heavyweight king Jim Jeffries.

PAPKE, VICTOR OVER KETCHEL, LOVING ONLY TOO WELL, SHOT FORMER WIFE AND SELF

By TED HARRISON

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—On September 7, 1908, in a suburb of Los Angeles, Billy Papke knocked out the legendary Stanley Ketchel in 12 rounds, capturing the world middleweight crown.

Twenty-eight years later in Newport, a Southern California beach community, Papke shot and killed his former-wife followed by his suicide.

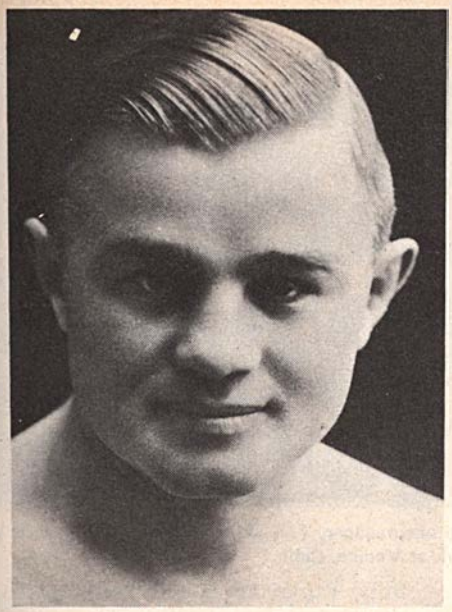
In the 19th annual elections, Billy Papke was elected to the official Boxing Hall of Fame by the Old Timers Committee.

He was born William Herman Papke on September 17, 1886, in Spring Valley, Illinois, of German-American parents.

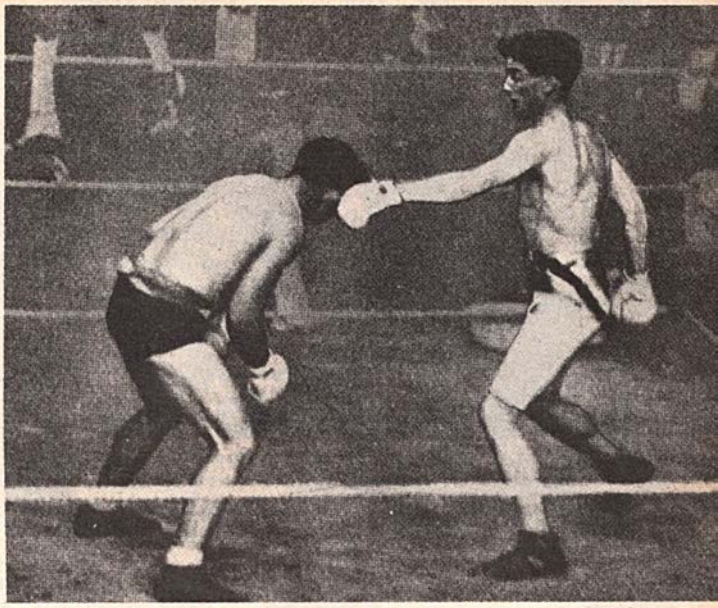
Spring Valley was a coal mining town. The mine was the only reason for the town's existence. The life of the miners and their families was harsh at its best and just plain cruel at its worst.

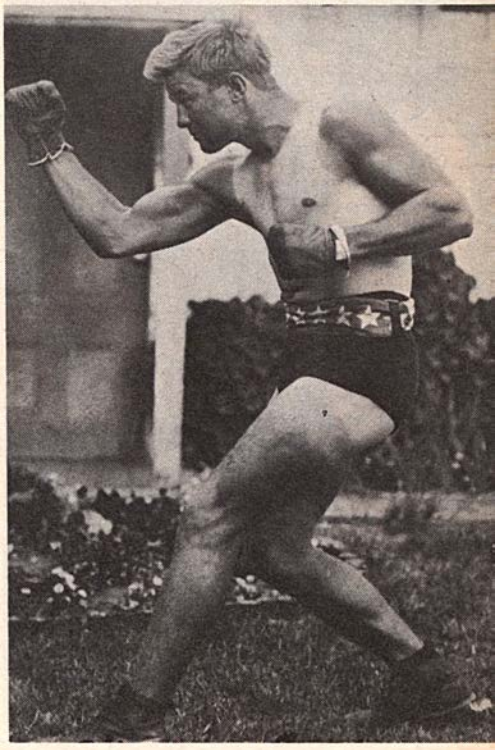
Billy Papke, hardly a teenager, went to work in the coal mines along side his father. Beneath the ground in black, man-made caverns, Papke lost his boyish blond hair, blue eyes and innocence. He became aware of the harsh reality of a miner's life as the daily physical labor toughened his growing, teenage body.

In the evening after a hard days work Papke fought other miners in local amateur boxing bouts. For the most part the fights were crude street brawls with gloves. These tough young miners, sweating black coal dust, often used the



(Left) Billy Papke, sporting a fresh haircut, during the prime of his life. (Right) Jim Sullivan, an Englishman jabs Papke on the head, during the eighth round of their London contest. Papke, however, took care of Sullivan in the ninth, stopping him on June 8, 1911.





(Above) Papke (right) squares off against Hugo Kelly before their bout in Colma, Calif. on May 1, 1909. Papke stopped Kelly in one round. (Right) Papke displays the form which brought him the 160-pound championship.

bouts as an outlet to settle their personal disputes.

Papke became the best, often taking on and kayoing much heavier opponents. He was tough, he could hit, but most of all he wouldn't quit until he'd won. Billy Papke not only liked to fight, but he also saw it as a means to escape from a lifetime in the mines.

Papke's reputation grew beyond Spring Valley. He turned pro and began fighting in Peoria and La Salle, Illinois towns where promising young Chicago boxers came to pick up a few extra bucks. Then it was bigger fights in Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Boston.

It was in Boston on November 22, 1907, that Papke knocked out both Bartley Connolly and Charles Haghey in two fights which totaled less than five rounds.

Billy Papke and the great Stanley Ketchel met in the ring four times. Their first fight took place in Milwaukee on June 4, 1908.

Papke entered the ring with a record of 29 wins, no losses and 17 KO's.

Ketchel, whom many consider, pound for pound, boxing's all time greatest, had won the middleweight title earlier in the year by knocking out Mike "Twin" Sullivan in one round in Colma, California. Although the title was not at stake, this was still the most important fight in Papke's young career.

In this first meeting, Papke lost a 10-round decision to Ketchel.

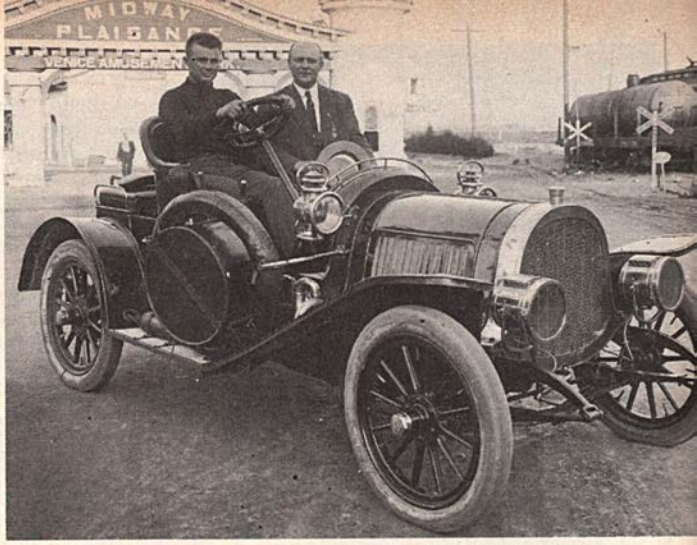
Papke claimed he was fouled in the first round and never fully recovered.

Even though he lost, he left the ring confident he could beat Ketchel in a rematch.

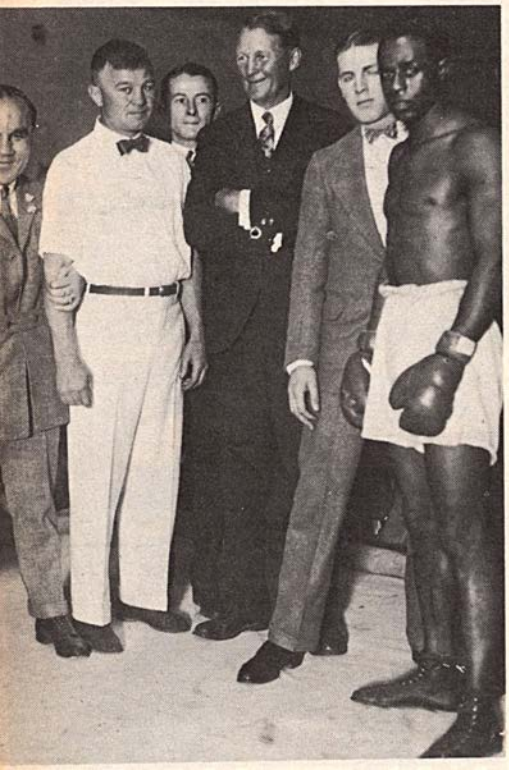
Three months later Papke and Ketchel met for the second time in a suburb of Los Angeles called Vernon.

In the interim, Papke had fought four times, including a one-round KO over the highly rated Frank Mantell in Boston. Papke had trained hard and was in the best condition of his career. This time he was a self-confident, slightly cocky, challenger. He even predicted in the press he'd be the next world middleweight champion by a knockout.

Here is a group of American fighters and observers who traveled en masse to Australia many years ago. Left to right (Bottom row): Papke, writer Tom Andrews, Owens, Jimmy Clabby and William F. Corbett. (Top row): Brandon, Ray Bronson, Judge Walter Kelly and "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson.



Here we see Papke and his manager, T. E. Jones, trying out a new car at the old amusement park at Venice, Calif.



In 1908, the Papke-Ketchel championship fight was the most important and prestigious match fought in the state of California.

Today the city of Vernon is in the center of Los Angeles' industrial district. At the time of the Ketchel-Papke fight, Vernon was a suburb surrounded by alfalfa fields and dairy farms.

The fight, promoted by Baron Long, was held at the James J. Jeffries Athletic Club. Jeffries had been promoting fights in an old barn converted into an arena. For the Papke-Ketchel fight a larger outdoor arena having a capacity of 7,000 seats was set up.

There had been little betting on the match, Ketchel being an overwhelming favorite.

The day before the fight the sky had threatened rain, but on September 7, 1908 a Santa Ana wind condition blew hot desert air over the mountains and down into the Los Angeles basin. The temperature soared to 82 degrees.

Ketchel insisted the long ride in an open touring car from downtown Los Angeles to the site of the fight under the blistering sun had sapped some of his strength.

Billy Papke never felt better. As he loosened up in the ring, his finely tuned body glistened under the hot Southern California sun. He was large in the shoulders, very narrow in the waist with exceptionally large thighs which tapered into slight calves. He had a sardonic smile on his face which never changed throughout the fight.

When the opening bell sounded, Papke seemingly forgot to shake hands and landed a straight right to Ketchel's throat before the champion thought of defending himself. From this first blow Ketchel began having difficulty getting oxygen.

Papke pressed his attack, immediately closing Ketchel's right eye. By the time the bell ended the first round, Ketchel had been down five times. His right eye was swollen shut and bleeding profusely. Blood trickled from a smashed nose. His left eye was closing. For all practical purposes the fight was over.

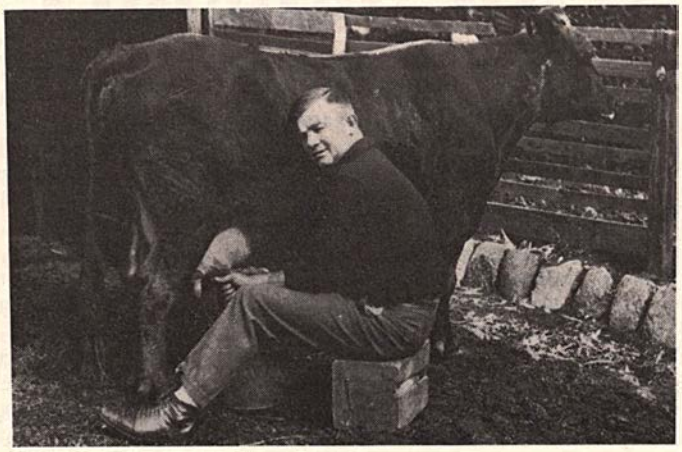
Eleven more brutal rounds followed as Papke, keeping his opponent facing towards the blinding sun, punished and toyed with the battered champion.

In the 11th round Papke knocked the Michigan Assassin through the ropes and off the apron into reporters' row. Jeffries, who refereed the fight, helped the champion back into the ring.

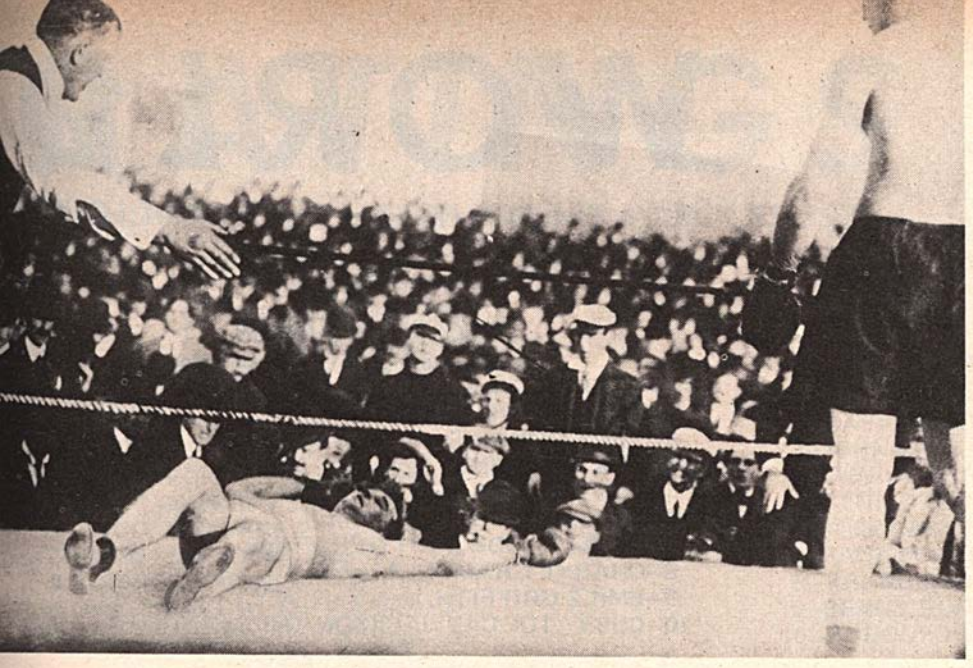
The fight ended in the 12th round. The beaten ex-champion, sitting on the canvas looking dazed towards his corner, was counted out by Jeffries. Billy Papke was the new world middleweight champion.

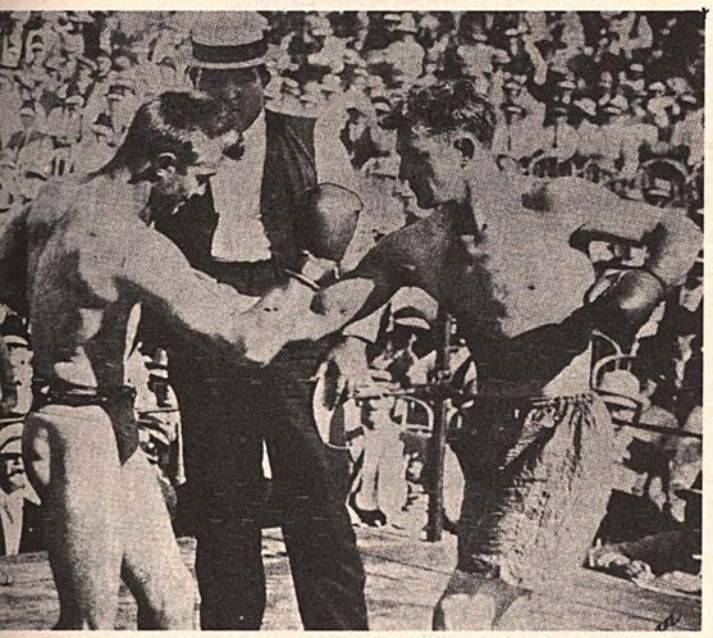
After the fight a reporter asked Papke why he waited until the 12th round to knock the helpless Ketchel out?

Papke replied, "When we met in Milwaukee we shook hands as the gong sounded. Ketchel not only held my hand in a vise-like grip, but pulled me toward him and hit me flush in the face with a hard left, breaking a tooth and knocking me down.

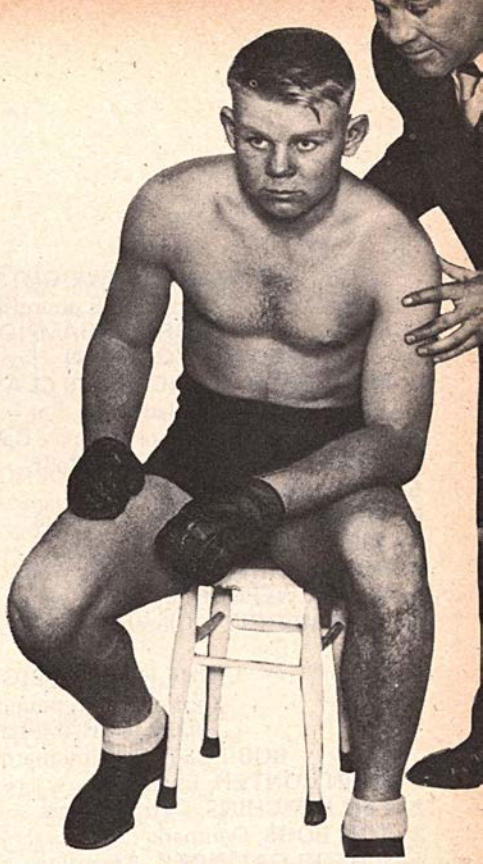


(Above) In 1926, Papke made his debut as a referee at the Pasadena (Calif.) Armory. From left: Abe the Newsboy; Papke, sportswriter Bob Edgren, promoter Morrie Cohen and Baby Joe Gans. (Right) Papke is shown milking a cow at his big dairy farm at Altadena, Calif.





(Above) Ketchel gets his revenge by stopping Papke in the 11th round of their third fight, at San Francisco, thus regaining the middleweight crown. It happened on November 26, 1908. (Left) Papke (left) and Ketchel square off before their second meeting in which Papke won the world title.



Billy Papke gives his son, Billy Jr. some pointers before he makes his pro ring debut in Chicago in June, 1931. Billy Jr. was a light heavyweight of some note.

"Right then I decided to get even for that trick, and this was the main reason why I made the match with him here at Vernon. I could have finished Ketchel much sooner, but I figured he deserved an extra dose of punishment."[1]

Ten weeks later in San Francisco, on November 26, Papke and Ketchel met for the third time.

Ketchel, in tip top condition, returned the favor, winning back the middleweight title.

His brutal kidney punches in the opening rounds took the steam out of Papke, who absorbed a vicious beating until he collapsed in the 11th round. It was the kind of beating from which a fighter never fully recovers.

The next year, 1909, was the most dismal year of Billy Papke's career. He lost a third and final time to Stanley Ketchel in a championship bout held north of San Francisco in Colma, California.

Four other bouts were no decisions. He'd had one win in six starts and his career seemed at an end.

However, in 1910, Papke won his first four fights, including a KO victory over the highly respected Joe Thomas. Suddenly everything was going right for Papke.

He even finally managed to convince the woman he loved to marry him. In July of 1910, Billy Papke and Edna Eloise were married in Buffalo, New York.

Papke's good fortune continued when on October 15, 1910, middleweight champion Stanley Ketchel was shot and killed by Walter Dipley, a jealous ranch hand, at Conway, Missouri.

Ketchel's death projected Papke to the top of the middleweight division. He claimed the middleweight crown, but in his first defense, lost the title in 20 rounds to Johnny "Cyclone" Thompson in Sidney, Australia.

In 1912, Thompson vacated the title when he could no longer make the middleweight limit, which at that time was 158 pounds.

Again Papke claimed the title. The middleweight crown was claimed also by Mike Gibbons, Eddie McGoorty, Frank Klaus and George Chip. It remained in dispute for two years until Al McCoy was crowned champion.

Papke defended his share of the title three times in 1912. He lost his share of the title on a foul the following year to Frank Klaus in a match at Paris, France.

Billy Papke retired from the boxing ring in 1913. His career had spanned eight years. He'd fought a total of 63 bouts and had lost only nine. Three of those nine losses were by the hands of Stanley Ketchel.

In 1919 Papke came out of retirement and fought one last bout, winning a four-round decision over Soldiers Bartfield in San Francisco.

Papke settled down to an early retirement in Altadena, California with

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward Calif.
1–MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Cherry Hill, N.J.
2–JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
3–JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
5–RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
6–OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
7–JOE BUGNER, England
8–BOONE KIRKMAN, Seattle, Wash.
9–CHUCK WEPNER, Bayonne, N.J.
10–JEFF MERRITT, Cleveland, Ohio

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Albuquerque, N.M.
1–JOHN CONTEH, England
2–LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
3–TOM BOGS, Denmark
4–VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
5–JORGE AHUMADA, Argentina
6–PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
7–RICHIE KATES, Philadelphia, Pa.
8–KLAUS KLEIN, Germany
9–MAXIE SMITH, England
10–CHRIS FINNEGAN, England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
2–BENNIE BRISCOE, Philadelphia, Pa.
3–TONY MUNDINE, Australia
4–KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
5–TONY LICATA, New Orleans, La.
6–MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
7–JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER, France
8–CHARKEY RAMON, Australia
9–EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
10–CUBY "TOP CAT' JACKSON, Detroit, Mich.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–CLYDE GRAY, Canada
2–ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
3–HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.
4–ROGER MENETREY, France
5–ALVIN ANDERSON, Baltimore, Md.
6–ELISHA OBED, Nassau, Bahamas
7–EDDIE PERKINS, Chicago, Ill.
8–FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, Dominican Rep.
9–JOHN STRACEY, England
10–ZOVEK BARAJAS, Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1–BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
2–HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
3–ALFONSO FRAZER, Panama
4–CARLOS GIMINEZ, Argentina
5–ROGER ZAMI, France
6–TONI ORTIZ, Spain
7–MIGUEL BARRETO, Puerto Rico
8–HECTOR MATTA, Puerto Rico
9–TONY PETRONELLI, Taunton, Mass.
10–MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.

TONY LICATA FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Tony Licata, New Orleans' undefeated middleweight, won a hard fought 12-round decision over former middleweight king Emile Griffith. This victory won not only the Fighter of the Month Award for Tony, but also the American middleweight championship.

Runners-up for this month's honors are Koichi Wajima, Japan; Bruno Arcari, Italy; Ernesto Marcel, Panama and Fernand Cabanela, Philippines.

W.B.A. junior middleweight king Wajima retained his title via a 15-round nod over Brazilian Miguel de Oliviera. This was their second meeting. Last year Wajima was held to a 15-round draw.

Italy's Arcari, W.B.C. junior welterweight champion, held onto his crown when Spain's Toni Ortiz was disqualified for butting in the 8th round. Ortiz is the European champion.

Marcel, W.B.A. featherweight titleholder, was awarded a 15-round decision over Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua. Arguello became a ranked fighter last year when he scored a one-round kayo over Jose Legra.

Chartchai Chionoi of Thailand, lost a non-title bout to Fernand Cabanela of the Philippines in 10 rounds in Honolulu, Hawaii. Chionoi is the W.B.A. flyweight king.

Upsets of the month–Klaus Klein, Germany, moved into the light heavyweight rankings with a seven-round TKO over England's Maxie Smith. Klein becomes eighth and Smith drops to ninth.

In the middleweight division, Griffith dropped to 9th after his loss to Licata. Wajima moved up to 4th, Licata to 5th, and Charkey Ramon of Australia to 8th.

Canada's Clyde Gray moved into the top spot in the welterweight division by beating Bunny Grant. Both Angel Esapda and Hedgemon Lewis dropped down a peg due to inactivity. Moving up two places in Massau's Elisha Obed, who scored two wins since the start of the year. Jack Tillman fell out of the Top Ten when he lost to Art Kettles, Asbury Park, N.J., in seven. Replacing him is Mexican Zovek Barajas, who, in his last two outings, defeated Armando Muniz and Billy Backus.

Ernesto Marcel moved up to the No. 1 ranking among featherweights with his win over Arguello. Jofre, the W.B.C. king, fell to second. Argentina's Oscar Mendez replaced Arguello in the top ten.

Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over Mexican Rodolfo Martinez in San Juan, P.R. Villegas moved from 10th to 8th, while Martinez dropped to 10th.

Chionoi's loss to unrated Cabanela moves him from second to fifth in the flyweights. Cabanela moved into the seventh spot. Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, is now in second spot.

Things were slow in the heavyweight, junior welterweight, and junior lightweight divisions. Late flash–Tony Mundine was stopped in 5 by Bennie Briscoe, Middles.

RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 15, 1974

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1–ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2–KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
3–JIMMY HEAIR, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–RODOLFO GONZALEZ, Mexico
5–RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
6–HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina
7–OULD MAKLOUFI, France
8–ANDRES STEYN, South Africa
9–RAY LUNNY III, San Francisco, Calif.
10–ANGEL MAYORAL, Las Vegas, Nev.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1–LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
2–ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico
3–ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela
4–KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
5–SAMMY GOSS, Trenton, N.J.
6–JESUS ALONSO, Mexico
7–VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
8–LOVE ALLOTEY, Ghana
9–RICARDO ARREDONDO, Mexico
10–WALTER SEELEY, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–ERNESTO MARCEL, Panama
2–EDER JOFRE, Brazil
3–ART HAFEY, Canada
4–DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
6–RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
7–BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMENEZ, Spain
9–SANTOS LUIS RIVERA, Puerto Rico
10–OSCAR MENDEZ, Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
1–ROMEO ANAYA, Mexico
2–RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
3–JOHNNY CLARK, England
4–VENICE BORKORSOR, Thailand
5–BENICO SOSA, Argentina
6–JOSE CASAS, Argentina
7–PAUL FERRERI, Australia
8–FRANCISCO VILLEGAS, Puerto Rico
9–BENNY RODRIGUEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
2–FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
3–MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
4–HENRY NISSEN, Australia
5–CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
6–ERBITO SALAVARRIA, Philippines
7–FERNAND CABANELA, Philippines
8–PABLO JIMENEZ, Dominican Rep.
9–VICENTE POOL, Mexico
10–TONY MORENO, San Antonio, Texas

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jim Young Philadelphia, Pa.	10/69	13	7	4	2	2
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Chico Santos Waterbury, Conn.	11/73	3	3	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Jean-Claude LeClair Canada	8/73	10	10	0	0	9
WELTERWEIGHT						
Ramon Reyes Colombia	1/70	20	15	3	2	10
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Jack Piedvache France	1/73	15	15	0	0	14
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Jose DePaula Brazil	3/73	17	16	0	1	6
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Jose Cervantes Colombia	1/73	5	4	0	1	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Carlos Escalera Argentina	7/73	10	10	0	0	10

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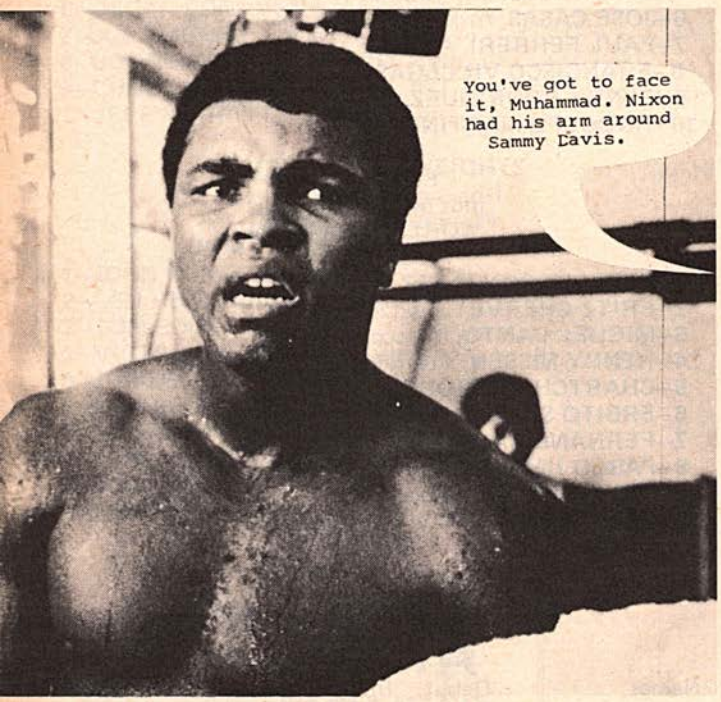
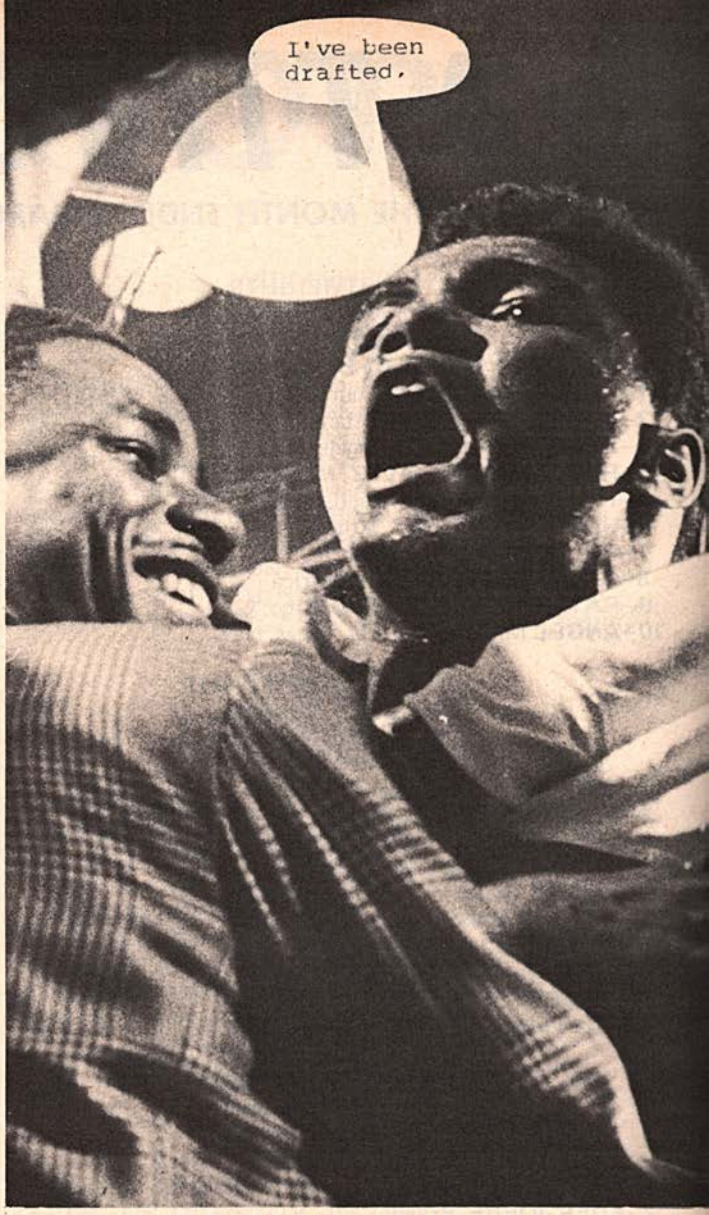
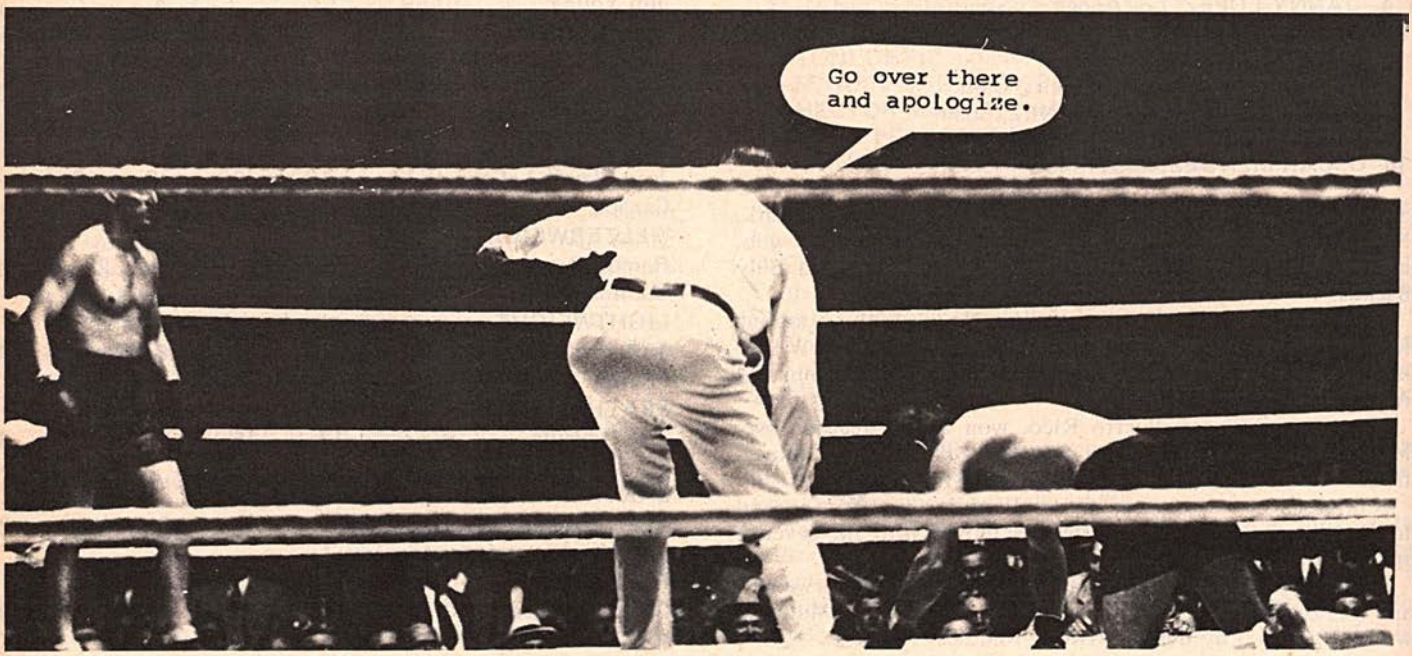
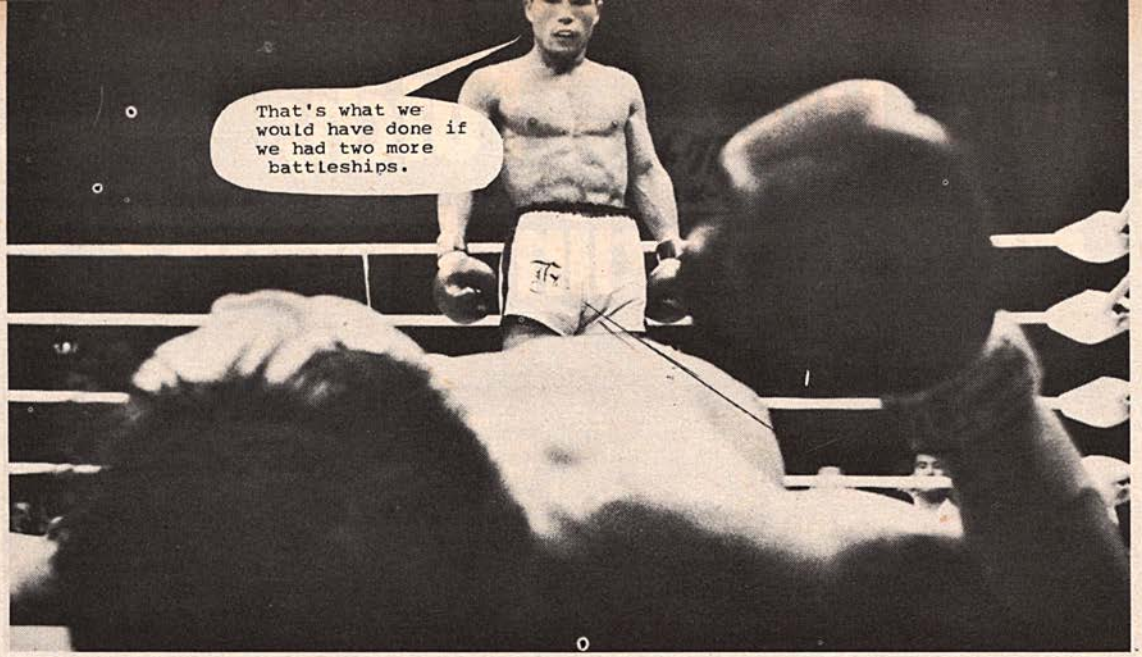
By GERALD GARDNER





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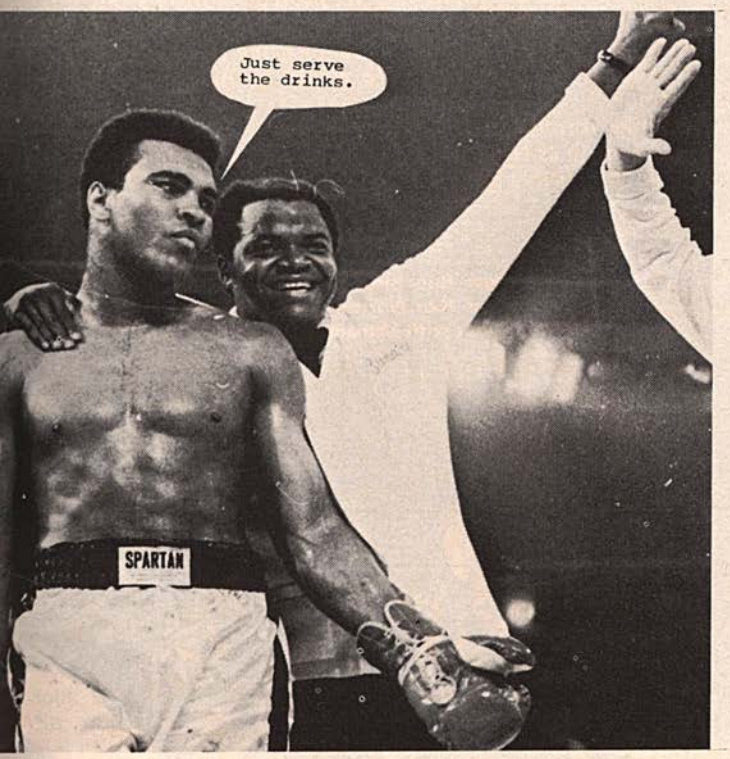
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Will the owner of a '68 Oldsmobile -
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"I Was Fired"—Futch; Did He Overtrain Norton?

By JOHN GREENSMITH

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—With the fight between Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) and Joe Frazier an event of the past, boxing followers are asking a lot of questions.

One of them is, "Why did Eddie Futch leave Ken Norton as trainer after he had done so well for the hitherto so-so performer? Why was Futch left open to a proposition from Joe Frazier, who had been left in a bad way by the death of Yank Durham?"

Futch told Evening Tribune boxing scribe Bill Weurding, "Yes, it's true. After five years of guiding Norton's career and bringing him to the threshold of the world title, I've been informed that my services are no longer needed.

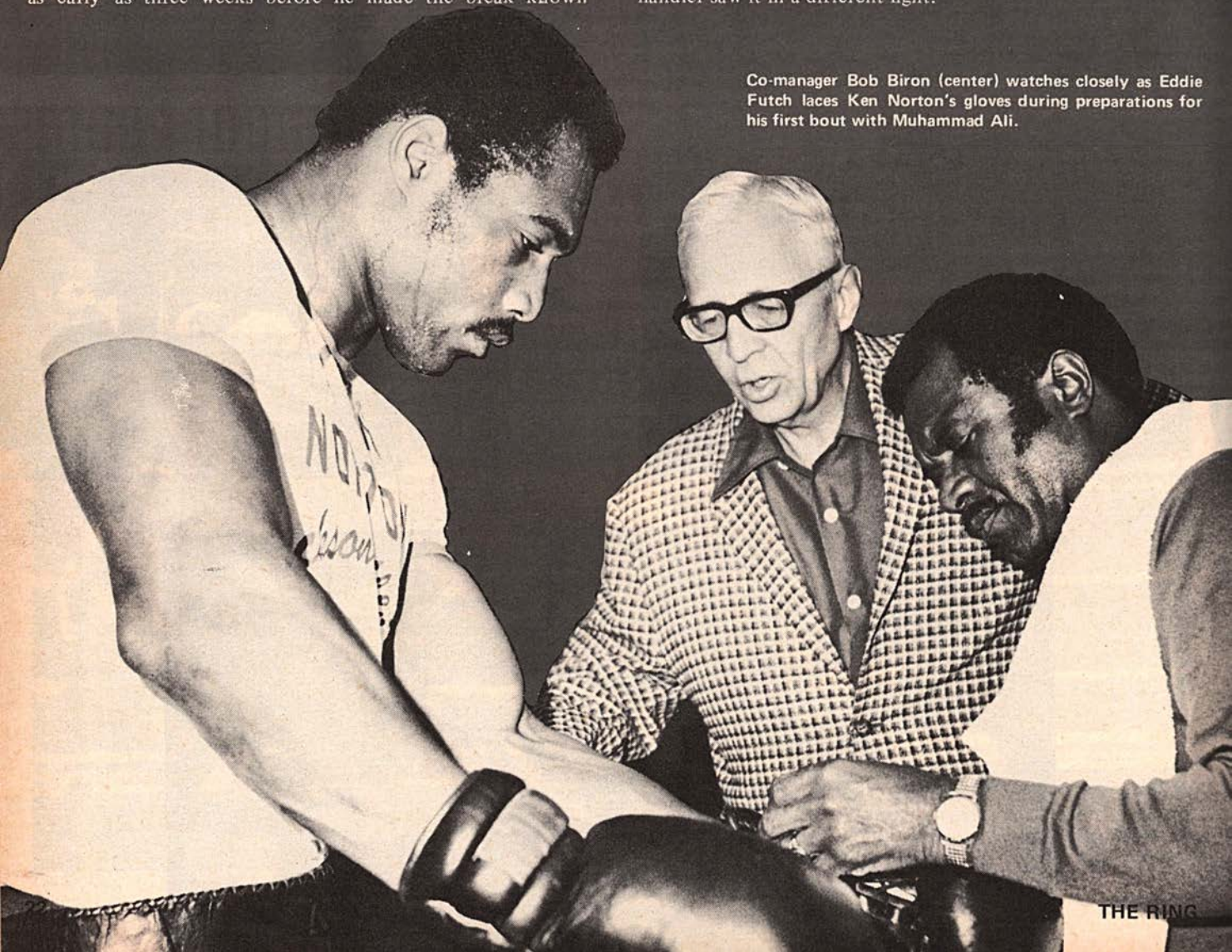
"If it weren't so tragic, I could think of it as somewhat amusing. I do find the whole thing most ironic, to have come this far with Norton and then be told that I am no longer of any importance."

Futch said he was informed of the decision to release him as early as three weeks before he made the break known during a newspaper interview. Norton's prime financial backers, Bob Biron and Art Rivkin, had made the decision known to him in a camp meeting in California, Futch stated.

Rivkin and Biron, highly respected San Diego businessmen, were quick to differ on the release of Futch. They said that when Futch made arrangements to train Frazier for his bout with Ali, they informed him that something would have to be worked out for a trainer to handle Norton while Futch was in Philadelphia.

"I told Eddie that if he went to train Frazier, that we would have to do something to protect Norton's interests," Biron stated. He noted that in making the point clear to Futch, he had said, "Eddie, remember one thing, you have left us, we have not left you. We would be happy to have you continue."

While Biron's statement would seem to indicate Futch could remain as Norton's trainer if he chose to, the 62-year-old handler saw it in a different light.



Co-manager Bob Biron (center) watches closely as Eddie Futch laces Ken Norton's gloves during preparations for his first bout with Muhammad Ali.

"They came up with a lot of reasons for my dismissal but they were all just excuses," Futch stated. "They were just looking for a way out. Some of the reasons given were so ridiculous that I don't even want to go into them."

Futch was more than willing to discuss one main problem, admitting that his decision to help Frazier was not well received by Rivkin and Biron.

"They felt we have a conflict of interests developing," said Futch, "but I assured them that wasn't the case.

"I know what we're going to do with Joe's career, but that gets into his personal life. I didn't see any need to break a confidence by telling them (Biron and Rivkin). Because I wouldn't, they chose not to trust me."

Commenting on a statement by Biron that he and Rivkin intended to contact him about continuing as Norton's trainer after the Ali-Frazier fight, Futch said, "They have no intention of contacting me. I know exactly what's going on and that's just a smoke screen.

"The only reason this story didn't come out sooner is that they had been sitting on it. They didn't know how to break it without looking bad and being embarrassed."

Although Futch differed with Biron and Rivkin on how the parting of the ways came about, it was evident that the break was final. Even Biron admitted as much when he commented he was not sure there would be any point in talking further with Futch after his statements.

Despite the effort of Biron and Rivkin to softpedal the split and to point out that in their opinion Futch had left of his own accord, their was some bitterness expressed by both sides. Futch was particularly disturbed that remarks had been made which he felt questioned his integrity.

Futch said the Norton camp had felt its fighter had been overtrained for the rematch with Ali, causing Norton to tire in the final round and thereby lose the fight.

According to Futch, it was also intimated that he had not prepared Norton for the rematch with the thought of winning it.

"When my integrity is being questioned, that does it," said Futch. "If they have any doubts about me after five years, well, I'd just as soon not work for people like that anyway.

"As for Ken being overtrained, that's too much! All of a sudden they're trainers, second-guessing me?

"No, the truth of the matter is they're now getting outside advice. There is always somebody in this business trying to jump in at the top."

Asked if he were bitter about the dismissal, Futch commented, "If this was the first time it had happened to me, yes, I'd be bitter. But this is nothing that I haven't been through before.

"The same thing happened to me many years ago when I took Don Jordan all the way to the world welterweight title. No, when you've been around boxing as long as I have, you don't let things like this bother you."

Futch said the money involved in handling Norton did not concern him. He noted that in addition to working with Frazier, he trains welterweight contender Hedgemon Lewis and has a number of other things going for him. "Bob Foster's people have approached me and another very promising group has talked with me."

How did Norton, the former Marine who was guided by Futch to a 30-2 professional standing, world ranking and what appears to be the best bet for a shot at George Foreman's title, feel about the situation with Futch?

"Personally, I hope it can be resolved," said the muscular challenger, "I would feel bad, because after all Eddie and I have been through a lot together and it wouldn't seem right if he was not in my corner when I win the title.

"But Biron and Rivkin have always done right by and I'll have to go along with whatever they do."

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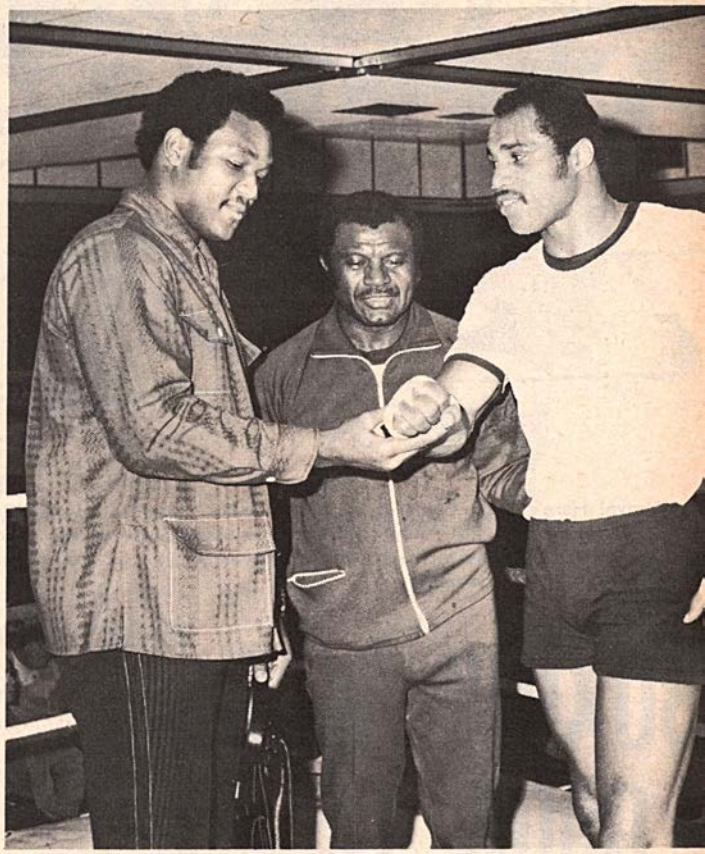
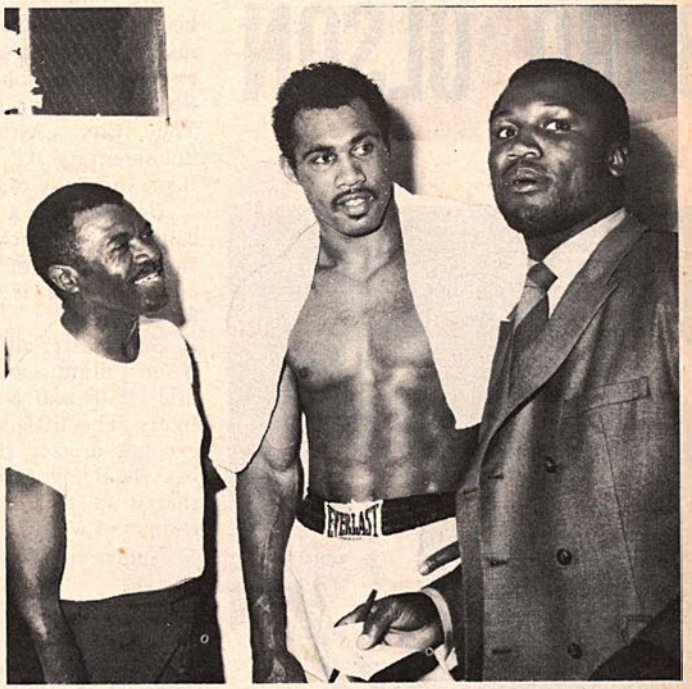
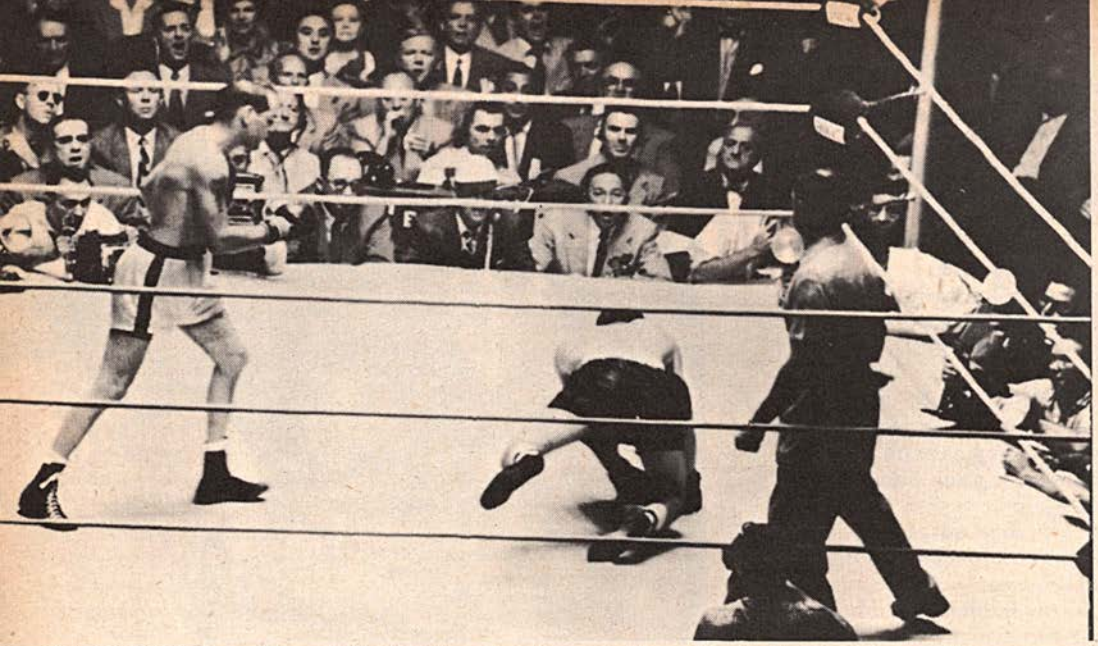


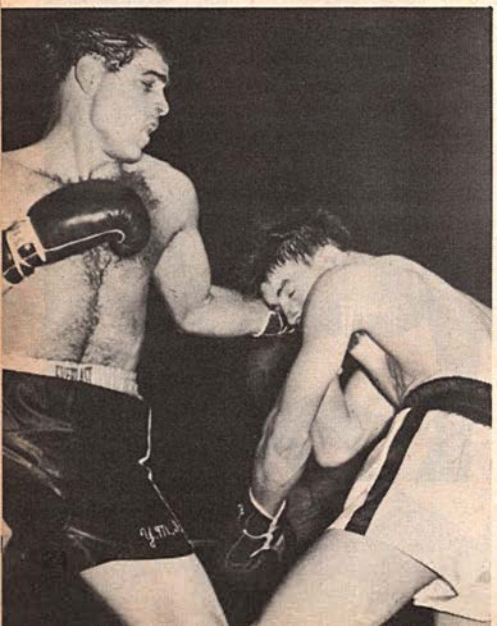


(Above) Futch appears amused as heavyweight king George Foreman checks Norton's hand. (Below) A photo of a smiling Futch, with Norton and ex-champion Joe Frazier, whom Eddie now trains.



(Above) Here's Bobo Olson at his best, knocking down challenger Rocky Castellani for an eight count during the 12th round of their scheduled 15-round title encounter in San Francisco on August 20, 1954. Olson retained his middleweight title via the unanimous decision route. (Right) Bobo in his fighting prime.

'BOXING WAS GOOD TO ME," SAYS BOBO OLSON



Olson scores with the one-two to the head of France's Pierre Langlois during the second round of their 15-rounder at San Francisco on December 15, 1954. Olson scored a KO in the 11th.

By MURRAY OLDERMAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Bobo Olson, it can be reported with authority, is alive and well in Santa Rosa. And drinking Calso water.

The sign in the Mission district, on the corner of 18th street, above the neon, was startling. "Meet Bobo Olson Tonight." At a place called Harris' Town Pump.

Outside on the sidewalk, a couple of rummies. Inside, a neighborhood crowd, no ties, a washed-out blonde, a picture of a bull high on the wall.

Big John behind the bar won't tell you he owns the joint because he's afraid you might be serving him a subpoena from his ex-wife. Big John's an old buddy of Bobo, which is why Olson came down to The City with an old one-hour documentary of film clips—Louis and Baer and Joey Maxim and Bobo himself.

He does this a lot. Public relations, he calls it. And now Bobo comes quietly through the door to meet the public. The crowd so far is thin. Hardly anybody notices him.

Bobo, after all these years, looks great. Your mind wanders back to the mid-1950s and New York's Friday night fights. The little old ladies in their long evening dresses at the Inn in Pinehurst, N.C., quickly finishing their post-dinner sherry so they can go into the sitting room and watch the fights.

Names like Chico Vejar and Irish Bob Murphy, Chuck Davey and Joey Giambra Also Carl (Bobo) Olson, the middleweight champion of the world.

One night in Los Angeles, after he was knocked out by Sugar Ray, Bobo said he was quitting. The year was 1956. But the record books shows he fought 11 more years, in Fresno and Victoria, back home in Honolulu, where he came from, and Reno.

What would he look like now, coming into this two-bit bar with a can of old film?

Almost the same. No smashed nose, no scarred eyes, no puffiness, no balder than he was because Bobo was already losing his hair those 20 years ago. And there is no slur to his speech.

What a gentle man he was. And still is. The soft dark eyes are clear. The shy smile persists. A punchy old guy comes up and shakes his hand and Bobo is friendly. A young kid with long hair and two front teeth missing leads a procession of working stiffs who manage to come by, not pushing, just acknowledging the old champ.

"You was great, Bobo."

"T'anks." That's the way Bobo always talked—the hard "t" from his early life as a dock walloper. He remembers fighting Wayne "T'ornton" and he talks about the guys he knew—Maxim, Pastrano, Marciano.

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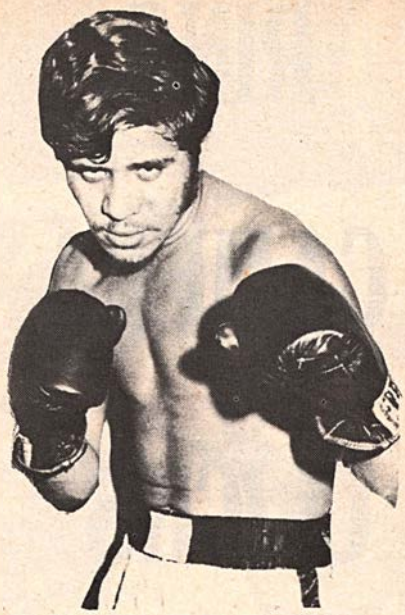
DETERMINED VIRUET SHOWS HIGH SKILL

By FRED EISENSTADT



ADOLFO VIRUET

ON the evening of November 26, 1973, when—at New York's Felt Forum—Adolfo Viruet knocked out Oscar Piton, it tended to prove something. It was that unswerving faith of trainer-manager Joe DeMaria, combined with hard gymwork by his protege, which brought satisfactory results and made of a prelim kid a main event fighter.

Adolfo, 21,—from the time he turned pro—had shown little interest in pursuing a ring career and less in training for fights, though he did not dislike the ring.

Whenever Joe got him a fight, Adolfo displayed aggressiveness, durability, courage, punching power, and the ability to survive punishing wallops. He was simply unreliable, did not know his own mind, liked to bum fancy-free.

Joe DeMaria often became disgusted with the kid, didn't see him for weeks, sometimes for months, and told himself if he never saw him again it would be too soon.

But being of a kindly and forgiving nature, whenever Adolfo came to the gym and asked for fights, the manager complied with the request, and at no time did Adolfo put up a disappointing battle. "That," said DeMaria, "is what hurt me so much. The kid had everything to become a success in the ring. Yes, he had everything but determination, proper incentive.

"I kept hoping he'd come to his senses, make a serious effort to become a fighter. And," added Joe with a happy grin, "it finally happened."

Adolfo's battle with the undefeated 23-year-old Argentinian Oscar Piton was a classic. A main event fighter in his homeland, Piton had captured the fancy of New York fans—particularly his countrymen—with his clever and interesting ring ways. . .inviting punches with his head and pulling it back when his opponent struck at him, then countering. Oh, yes—Piton certainly was good, a real cutie.

Viruet, fighting from a southpaw stance—who can also box from an orthodox position—was neither confused nor intimidated by Piton's tricky mode of boxing or vaunted reputation. He went after the South American with confidence and determination, making Oscar miss, then poking him with jabbing rights and raking his face and body with his dangerous right, frustrating and often staggering his rival.

Utilizing his favorite maneuverings, Oscar brought his followers to their feet, shouting encouragement; then silencing them when the young Puerto Rican nailed him with stunning wallops, thus eliciting shouts of glee from the Borinquen fight followers.

Frequently, when Oscar tried weaving under Adolfo's blows or pulling his head away from them, Viruet nailed his with smart clips to the head and raking his body with hurting punches. The 2,000 or so spectators cheered loudly.

"As expected," recounted Joe DeMaria, manager of the two Viruets—lightweight Edwin and 140-pounder Adolfo—"when it was learned that I accepted a ten-round main event for Adolfo with Oscar Piton, boxing people gave me the old ha-ha, even called me a 'you-can't-hurt-us' type fight manager. They guessed my boy may last a few rounds before running out of gas and being stopped. In a way," Joe admitted, "they had reason to think so.

"Because Adolfo had been out of ring action for much too long—as well as out of the gym. Well, the outcome of the contest proved that me and my boy fooled them."

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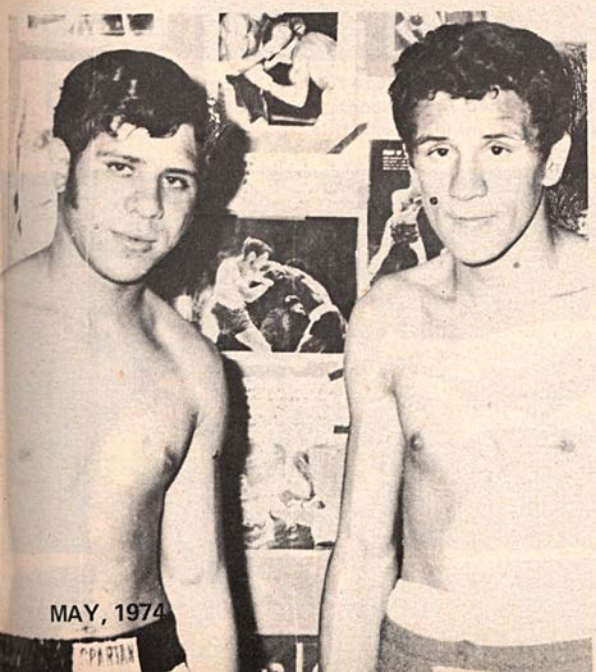

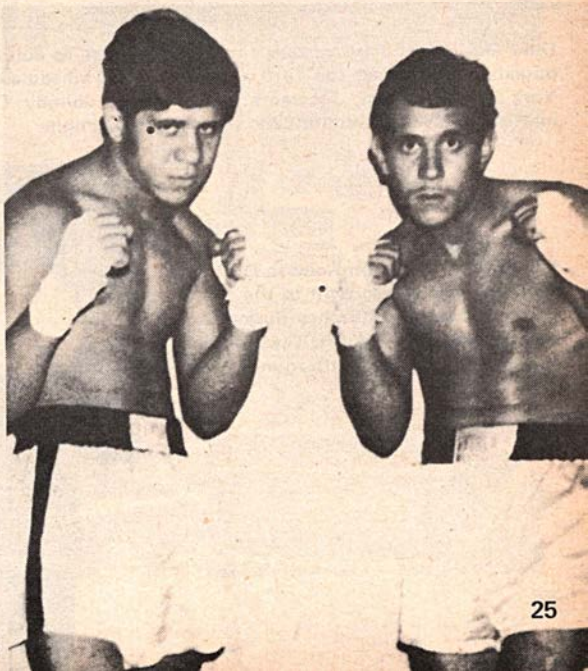

(Left) The scrappy Viruet brothers, Adolfo, left, and Edwin, who is a highly-rated lightweight. (Right) Adolfo, on the left, poses with another brother, Dorman, who recently turned pro as a lightweight.

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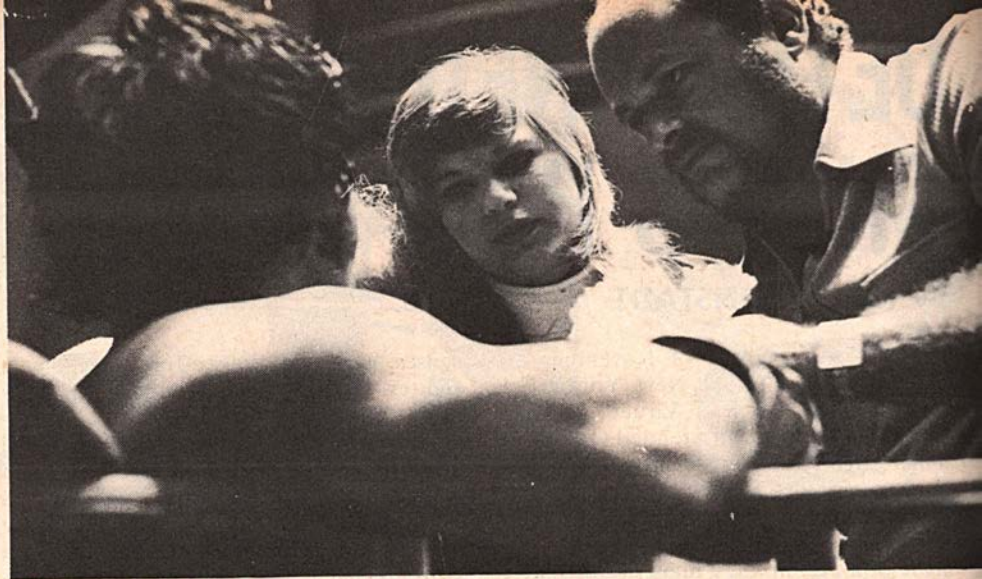
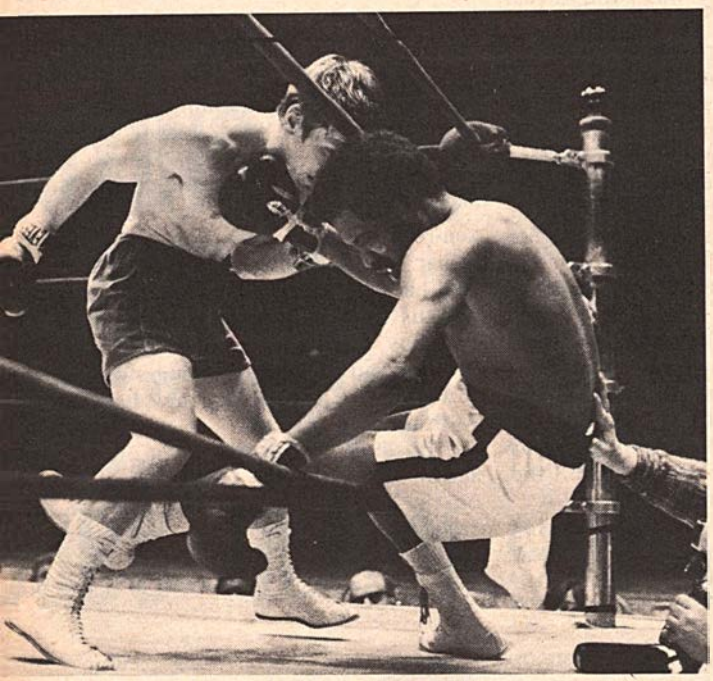
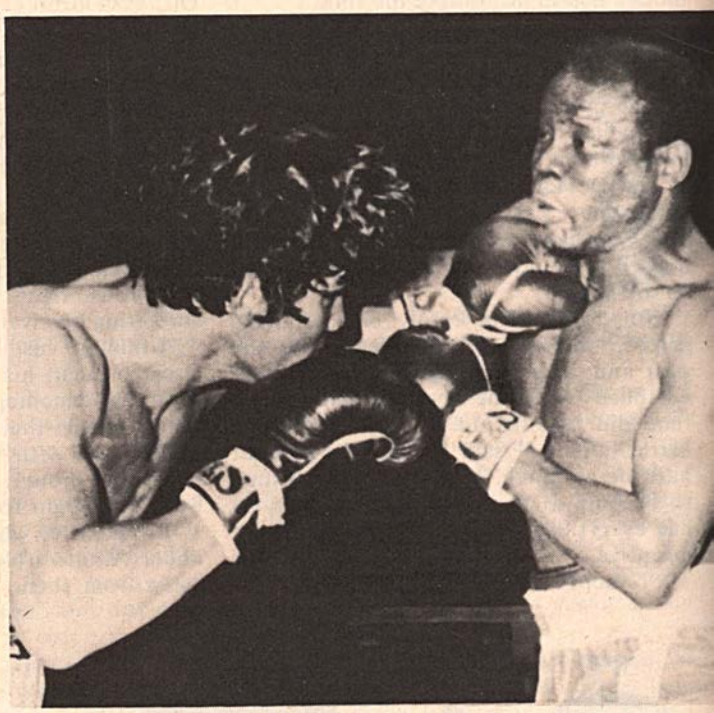


Pretty Pam Von Hatten watches closely as her husband, Tommy, is checked out by the ring doctor after being knocked out by Elisha Obed at Miami Beach. Pam served as Tommy's second during the contest.

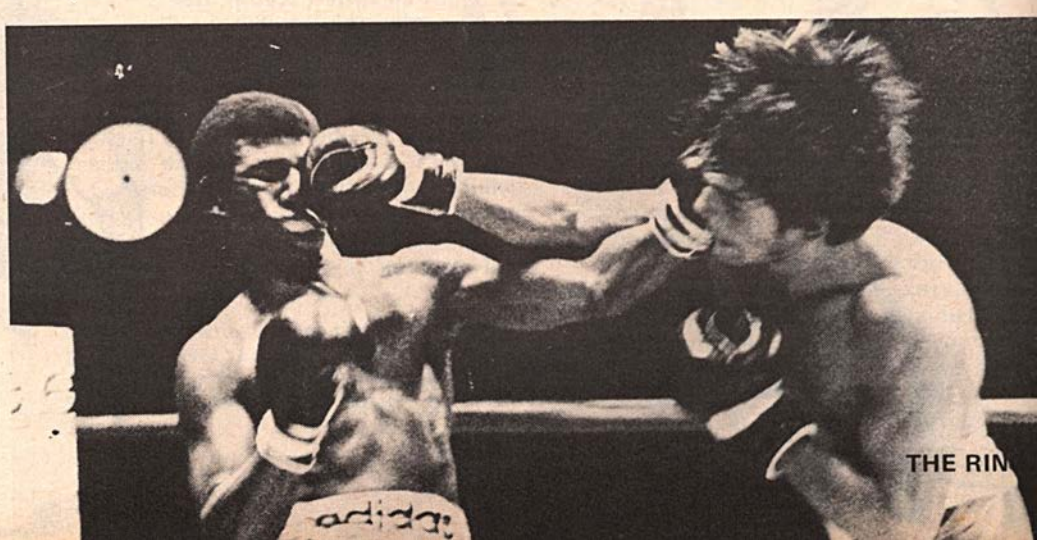


Dino Del Cid of Panama falls through the ropes as John L. Sullivan pounds away during the fifth round of their scheduled 10 at New York's Felt Forum. Moments later, referee Johnny Colan halted matters, to give Sullivan his 22nd straight pro triumph.

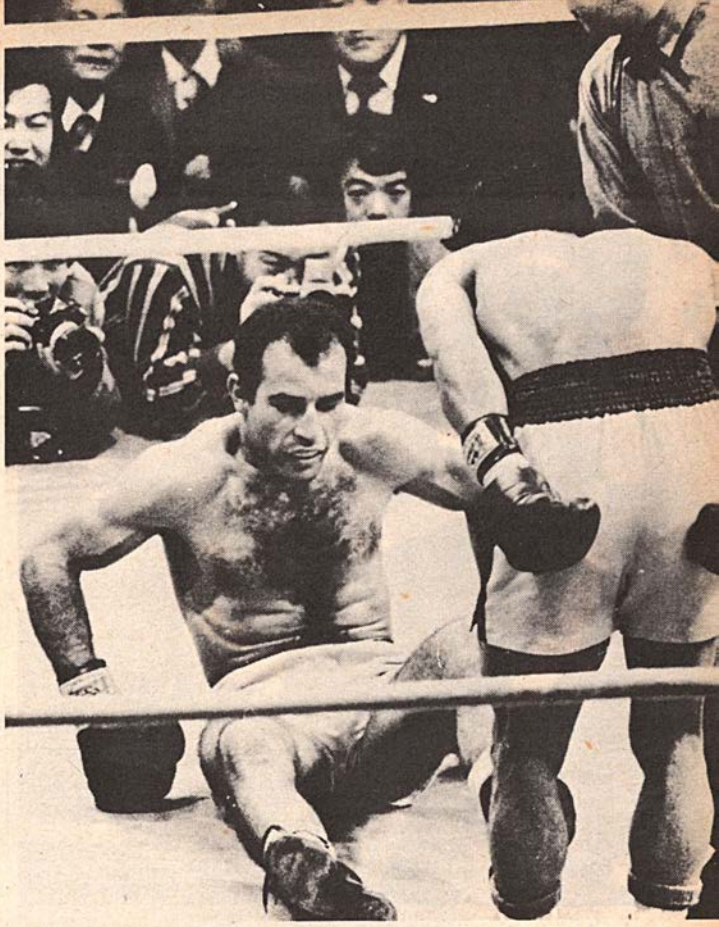


Tony Licata (left) lands a hard left to the chin of Emile Griffith during the second round of their Boston contest. Licata captured a 12-round decision to win the U.S. middleweight title.

Lightweight champion Roberto Duran of Panama lands a long right to the eye of Leonard Tavares of France during their non-title meeting in Paris, Tavares failed to come out for the fourth round.

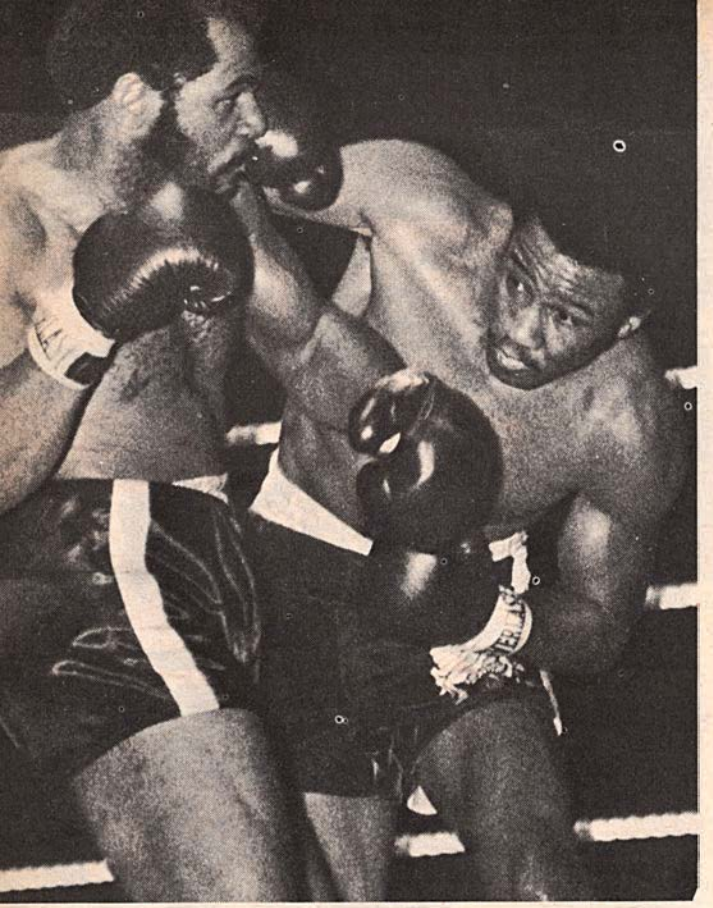


Muhammad Ali takes a hard right to the jaw from Micho, a midget from the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus in New York during a rather interesting press conference.

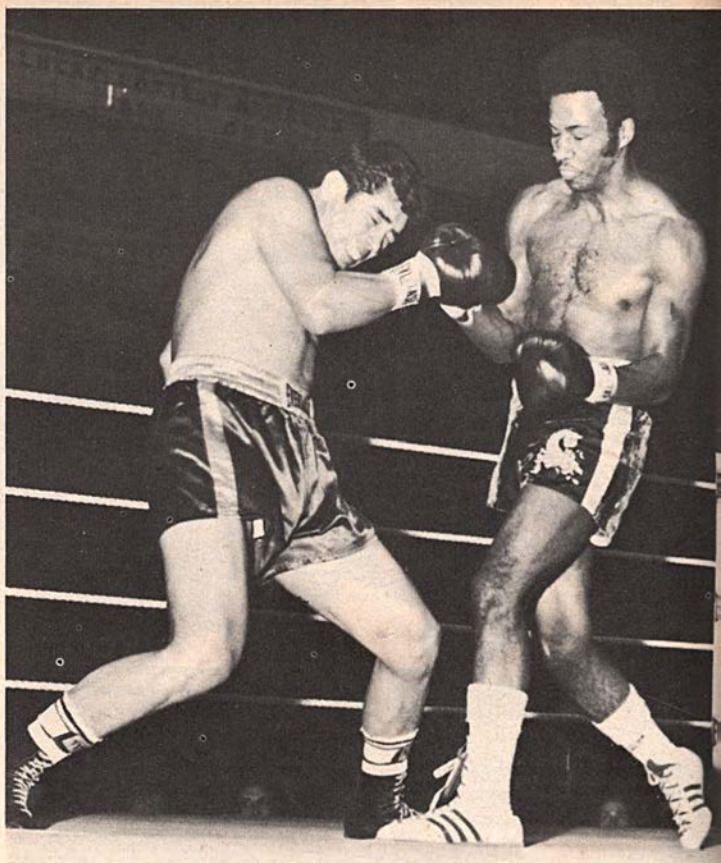


Japan's Koichi Wajima makes an apologetic bow as Brazil's Miguel De Oliveira hits the deck after tripping over Wajima's leg during their junior middleweight contest in Tokyo. Wajima retained his crown by winning a majority decision in 15 rounds.

Hay Arena in Dayton, O., is a shambles after irate fight fans rioted when a projector failed and they were unable to view the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier bout.

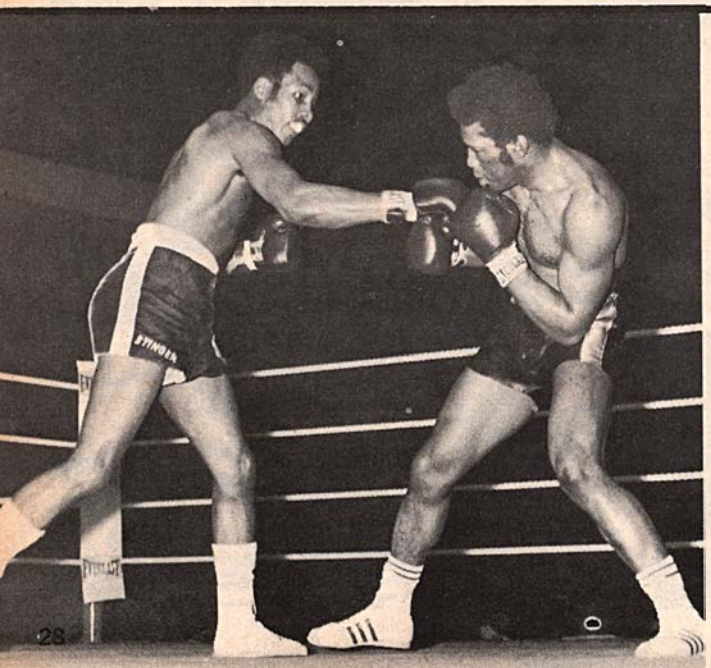


Len Hutchins lands a right to the jaw of Eddie (Bossman) Jones on way to a victory.



Hutchins lands a hard right to the jaw of Rafael Gutierrez. Len stopped him in the ninth round.

HUTCHINS LOOKING TO DAY OF SUPREMACY AS LIGHT HEAVY



By PAUL GUILFOYLE

DETROIT, MICH.—Len Hutchins grew up on Wreford Street in one of the toughest areas in this city. If you've ever lived in a bad neighborhood, you know that much of the time you have to be able to fight to survive.

"By the time I turned 15 I'd been pushed around enough so that I figured I'd better learn how to fight," Hutchins recalled one day. "Either that or move."

"So right after my 15th birthday I went over to the gym at King Solomon Baptist Church and asked the man there if he'd teach me some things about using my hands."

Hutchins learned how to use his hands—in a boxing ring. He learned his lessons so well, in fact, that he found a career as a pugilist and now the 23-year-old light heavyweight is ranked second among the 175-pounders of the world.

Hutchins catches Al Sparks with a solid right hand. Len scored a triumph in 10.

There have been a few hitches in Hutchins' professional career, but now the fluid, graceful contender is right on course for a shot at Bob Foster's title.

In 1967, Hutchins won the National Amateur Athletic Union's middleweight crown and earned a spot on the United States team in the Pan-American Games at Winnipeg.

The next year—Hutchins lost in the finals of the Olympic Trials. Despite the disheartening setback, Hutchins caught the eye of Yank Durham, late pilot of ex-heavyweight champion Joe Frazier. Yank was looking for another fighter, and he talked Hutchins into signing a three-year contract with Cloverlay, Inc., the same syndicate which holds Frazier's contract.

Hutchins fulfilled his contract with Cloverlay, but he didn't particularly care for his three years with Durham. He had only 11 fights, winning nine, drawing one and losing one, and thought he should have had more activity. He didn't care for Durham's method of training him.

"I didn't think Yank could train me," Hutchins recalled without any rancor. "He was trying to make me a slugger like Joe. Yank was made to order for Joe Frazier. Joe had brute strength and brute force. I'm not that way."

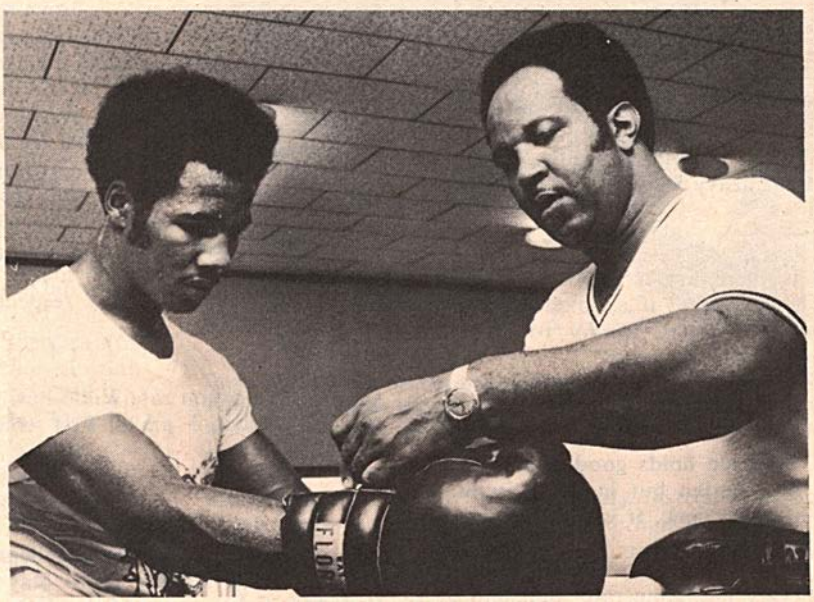
When Hutchins' contract ran out in October of 1971, he started looking around for a new manager. Henry Grooms, who has been promoting fights and managing boxers in Kalamazoo for the last half dozen years, signed him up. That's probably been the best thing to happen to Hutchins since he learned to use his hands in the first place.

Hutchins has complete faith and confidence in Grooms—both as a manager and a trainer. And it is hard to quarrel with the success Hutchins has had under Grooms' management. Hutchins has all of his bouts since signing with Grooms in December of 1971, and he has zoomed into the ratings.

For his first 15 fights with Grooms, Hutchins was trained by Taylor Smith, a veteran Detroit trainer who used to handle Henry Hank and now trains Detroit welterweight Ron Harris. Before Hutchins' last bout with Vincente Rondon, Grooms decided to train Hutchins himself.

"He was fighting too defensively," Grooms explained.

Going into the bout with the former World Boxing Association light heavyweight champ, some doubts had surfaced concerning just how good Hutchins was. He had looked good in beating Eddie (Bossman) Jones on a 10-round decision in Kalamazoo, and he was impressive in beating Amado Vasquez on a technical knockout in the fifth round. Hutchins made another strong showing a month later with a close but unanimous decision over Eddie (Red Top) Owens.



(Above) Here's Len flanked by training aide Robert Mitchell (left) and manager-trainer Henry Grooms. (Below) Grooms assists Hutchins with the gloves before a training session.

But Hutchins' next performance was one he would just as soon forget. He looked mediocre in beating 44-year-old Al Sparks on another decision. That's the bout which evoked questions about Hutchins' ability.

The veteran Sparks decked Hutchins early with a straight left hand, and Hutchins appeared to have trouble all night with his opponent's left-handed style. Hutchins' offense left much to be desired, too. He constantly tagged Sparks with right hands to the head, but Hutchins was hitting with an open hand. The slaps did little damage.

Hutchins was a completely different fighter against Rondon, winning every round. In the ninth round he connected with a solid right which caught Rondon flush on the jaw. Rondon staggered backward, fell against the ropes, righted himself and fell again. Luckily for Rondon, he fell into the ropes a second time. That was the only thing that kept him off the canvas.

"Now I know what I was doing wrong," Hutchins said after the Rondon bout. "Now my right hand is strong again. I've been stopping guys in the gym, knocking them down. I feel like I can fight anybody in the world now. Two or three more fights and you can bring on Foster."

Grooms was obviously pleased with the way Hutchins stayed on top on Rondon throughout the bout, particularly in the last four rounds.

"Remember how he was coming over like this?" Grooms asked, demonstrating with a slapping motion with his right hand. "This time he was coming through like this."

Grooms' second demonstration was with a strong, level right.

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Q & A — Questions & Answers

Q. I would like to have the complete record of Bob Foster. I am especially interested in his won by KO. Would you say that he is the best light heavyweight in the history of the division?

T. Turcoman
Istanbul, Turkey

A. **Foster has had 57 fights. He has won 42 by KO, 9 by decision. He has lost 2 by foul. He has been knocked out four times—by Terrell, Doug Jones, Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali. Is he the best light heavy we have had? Could very well be.**

Q. Is there a rule in Madison Square Garden that if a boxer is knocked down three times in any round he is considered knocked out?

Forrest Henderson
Dublin, Ireland

A. **The rule holds good not merely in the Garden but in all fights in the state of New York. It is almost universally in force now.**

Q. Does The Ring rate Marciano over Cassius Clay?

Eldredge Cairns
Rome, Ga.

A. **At this time Marciano and Clay are among the Top Ten. We plan to issue an all time rating in the near future.**

Q. How many fights did Carnera have and how many did he win and lose? I would appreciate similar information on Max Baer.

Andrew Andersen
St. Paul, Minn.

A. **Carnera had 99 fights. He won 66 by KO, 18 by decision, 2 on fouls. He was stopped 6 times and lost 5 decisions. Lost one on fouls and had one No Contest. Baer had 79 fights, won 50 by KO and 15 by decision, lost 9 by decision and 1 on a foul. Was knocked out thrice. He won none by foul.**

Q. Was Tommy Burns the legal, actual, no fooling world heavyweight champion?

James Cordoroi
Morgantown, West Va.

A. **Yes, Burns was the legal champion. The legality of the championship was disputed for some time but there was no way out of it but to declare Burns the actual champion in spite of the Root-Hart fight to which Tommy's right to the title traced.**

Q. How many types of foul are recognized by the state of New York? I take it they are recognized quite generally, universally?

Gifford L'Estrange
Baton Rouge, La.

A. **The fouls are—hitting below the belt, using the kidney pimch, using the pivot blow, butting intentionally, hitting an opponent who is down or rising from a down, using the knee, going down without having been struck, dangerous or unsportsmanlike conduct in the ring, failure to heed the referee's warning on a minor foul. The minor fouls are deliberately maintaining a clinch, hitting with the inside or butt of the hand, the wrist, or the elbow, hitting or flicking with the open glove, use of the rabbit punch, hitting on the break. Obviously all of these listed fouls are not respected by referees—or fans.**

Q. How do you rate Willie Lewis. I am told that I am a first cousin of Willie?

James Lewis
New York, N.Y.

A. **Willie Lewis was an excellent fighter. Died in New York May 1949. Had 155 fights, won 57 by KO, 24 by decision.**

Q. Did Loughran beat Carnera? I believe Tommy got a decision over Primo in some foreign country.

Alexander Drouet
Paris, France.

A. **Loughran lost a 15-round decision to Carnera in Miami. Loughran said that he lost the fight to Carnera's enormous feet. Primo kept stepping on Loughran's feet.**

Q. Gene Tunney has named John L. Sullivan the greatest heavy of all time. Does The Ring accept this verdict?

James K. Reardon
Boston, Mass.

A. **No. (With apologies to Gene.)**

Q. Jim Thorpe won the world all around athletic gold medal at the Stockholm Olympic games. I see that boxing was not included in the events in the all-around competition. Don't you think that this is a mistake?

Frederic Jaynes
Missoula, Mont.

A. **Boxing is a special event with its special competition like wrestling and a few other events and never has been included in the all around programme at the Olympics.**

Q. Don't you believe that Benny Leonard must be barred from consideration as the greatest lightweight, because of his foul in the Britton fight?

John T. Varian
Kansas City, Kans.

A. **There is no official decision on which to base disqualification of Leonard, no decision that it was a deliberate foul. If we bar Leonard we also have to bar his only rival, Joe Gans, who allegedly threw a fight to McGovern.**

Q. If the lightweight champion of the world knocks out the featherweight champion, does that make the lightweight a double champion?

Joe Grant, Jr.
Cicero, Ills.

A. **If the lightweight champion was able to make the featherweight limit he would be a double champion. Otherwise, the featherweight title would not be at stake.**

Q. There is some sort of twaddle in our neighborhood that Joe Louis never was the real world champion. Can you give the origin of the silly rumor?

Roger De Witt
Cincinnati, Ohio

A. **I have had some other queries about this. It is plain junk.**

Q. The Ring Record Book annually carries a 1 to 10 all time rating for each division. It says Jack Johnson was the greatest heavyweight. How come? Jack was knocked out by Jess Willard.

Harold Delancey
Oakland, Calif.

A. **Nat Fleischer, who got up the Ring Record Book ratings, based his rating of Johnson on his heyday and not when he was about washed up.**

INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

It was a brisk winter afternoon in 1928, the wind howling considerably when I left Stillman's Gymnasium after a light workout. I was heading for the subway and, as I turned into Broadway, I ran into the great Benny Leonard, who, in January, 1925, retired from the ring as the undefeated lightweight champion. It was always a treat to see Benny, as he and Sid Terris were my idols. They inspired me to become a boxer.

At 14 years of age, I left high school and obtained a job as an office boy. The boss was a fight fan and soon learned of my interest in the game. He took me to the New York Veledrome to see Leonard against Jack Britton. Words can't really express the thrill it was for me, even though Leonard lost on a foul. In 1923, my brother, who was five years older than I, was convinced that at 16 I was going to begin amateur boxing, he heard me say it so many times. He used to observe me shadow boxing in our hallway, and watch me box in the street and in settlement houses. My brother from time to time would take me to a fight. One bout was the Leonard-Tendler battle in New York, in which Leonard won a 15-round decision. Benny was the greatest lightweight I ever saw. Many elder statesmen in the game have disputed this, their choice being Joe Gans. Of course, many oldtimers believed that Leonard was the greatest. I couldn't answer that one as Joe Gans retired from the ring when I was two-year-old.

On this day that I bunked into Leonard, the wind blew his hat a few feet away and, in his customary agile fashion, he retrieved it and then said, "Ruby, it's too windy here, I haven't had lunch as yet, won't you be my guest?."

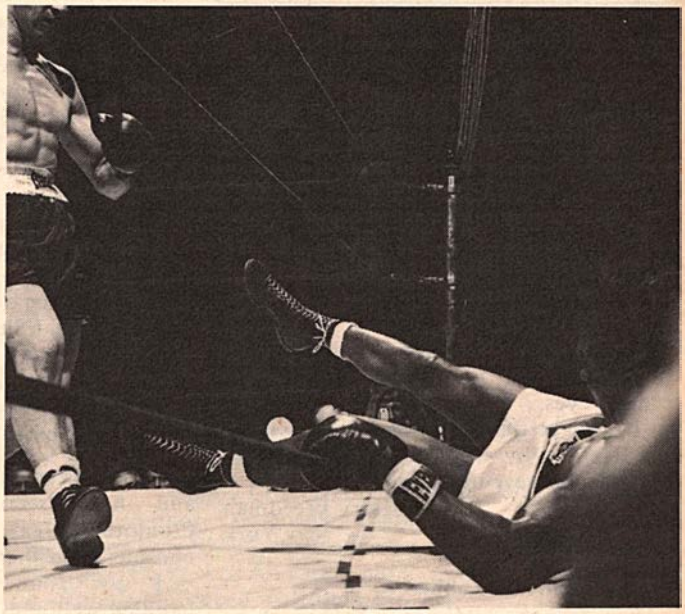
"Benny," I answered, "I'll take a raincheck, as I have to hold out for dinner at six but it would be a pleasure to sit with you while you have your lunch."

We strolled into a restaurant and you need only one guess as to what the conversation was about.

I started things off by saying "I had about 25 amateur bouts without a loss. In my first 20-odd fights as a professional, I still remained undefeated. Throughout all this I was called another Benny Leonard.

"Now I'd like to ask you, did you mind that?" Benny smiled. I said, "You don't have to worry, as I have since lost two fights and nobody now refers to me as another Leonard.

"For quite a time I was looking forward to asking you about something that was bothering me," I continued. "I'm sure I know the answer, but would like to hear it from you. Before I began my fistic career I was taken to a fight club in Brooklyn and Soldier Bartfield was in the main event. Everyone in fistiana knew he was a terrific fighter, yet I wasn't impressed that much. I thought that possibly the standup stylish type of boxing that you and Terris displayed had spoiled me, as I wanted so badly to follow in your steps. Some while later I scanned the Ring Record Book and was amazed. . What a record Bartfield had. "Now, Benny, I know that you never met Bartfield in a real contest but I'm aware that at the original Madison Square Garden, you boxed him a four-round exhibition for a charity show. I also know that people said you never got your hair mussed up, and that as



Sugar Ray Robinson is sent flying through the ropes by Gene Fullmer during the seventh round of their middleweight title match at Madison Square Garden on January 2, 1974. Fullmer received a unanimous decision.

the referee was giving the customary instructions, Bartfield raised his glove and ran it through your hair."

Benny replied, "Ruby, you're a smart fighter, and I do have the answer."

I interjected, "Benny, thanks for the compliment, but if I were a smart boxer I'd have quit when I was ahead."

He grinned and said, "Stop with the jokes and I'll explain. Bartfield's style was very unorthodox. There is a certain pattern with a boxer. He will anticipate things to come. After a couple of jabs, if your opponent is known to have a good left hook, get your right hand up to block the hook. If he's not known to have a left hook, be prepared to have a right hand thrown at you after a couple of left jabs. However, Bartfield hits you with punches you wouldn't expect. You just don't know what to look for aside from this he's very strong, takes a hard punch well and keeps pressing you all the time."

Twenty-nine years later, I was the third man in the ring with a replica of Bartfield. This was on the evening of January 2, 1957 at Madison Square Garden in a title match between Ray Robinson, one of the all time greats of boxing, and Gene Fullmer, a tough competitor if I ever saw one. Though Fullmer had been eliminating all competition on the way to this match, the great majority of people expected Robinson to win handily. It was difficult to pick against Ray. Those who favored Fullmer did so because of the age difference. Ray was 36 while Gene was 25.

The first round started slowly but Fullmer managed to get

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PUNCH LINES

I SAW the fight in the Garden. It was the best fight I ever saw. Muhammad won it fair and square. Joe put up a far tougher battle than I expected but there was no doubt that he got licked.

If the Garden puts them on a third time I will be on hand again. If Joe is not stopped in No. 3 there will be No. 4.

Cassius was in wonderful shape. He trained hard and looked it.

Some soreheads beefed about the referee, Perez. He made the event by letting them fight and not shoving himself in between the fighters to get into the camera eyes.

I thought that Clay assured himself of the decision by starting to come in from under in the seventh round.

Harry Freedman
New York

Says Frazier was Robbed

I want to say that in so far as getting my money's worth was concerned, I have no complaint. But don't let anybody tell me that I saw Muhammad beat Joe Frazier by unanimous decision in 12 rounds.

My eyes are strong. I don't need glasses. I saw Frazier punch the guts out of Cassius Clay.

I cannot give the referee a letter of recommendation. He never stopped Clay from holding for his life. Where was Mercante? They say that Cassius complained about Mercante's work in the first fight. Mercante forgot to pick up Clay in the last round.

The two judges and the referee in the second fight were lucky that the title was not involved.

There will be a third fight. There still is a lot of rich ore in this Comstock Lode.

Thomas Kroner
Bayonne, N.J.

Did Gans take a dive?

I have read several times, in The Ring that the affair in which Joe Gans was supposed to have lost to Terry McGovern in the second round was an out and out fake, in Chicago.

Why would a man with Gans's class take a dive?

Did Joe need money so badly? Was Al Herford in the thick of the mess?

The affair ruined boxing in Chicago and the game was dead there for many years.

It is strange that boxing has not come back strong in Chicago except for the second Tunney-Dempsey interlude.

Laban Gertner
Cicero, Ill.

Editor's Note—It is quite certain that it was a phoney. The dope is that gamblers engineered the rotten mess and Gans got only $10,000 for the dive.

Tough deal for Shavers

Earnie Shavers' announcement that he had retired from the ring presents a case that calls for sympathy. He might have got somewhere with proper handling. But they would not let him be the fighter he wanted to be and he quit.

I am not so sure that Shavers, after a time, will have got rid of his managers and his trainer and will come back, his own fighter, his own man.

I know that Shavers can fight.

Harold Johnson
Cleveland, Ohio

Conteh vs. Foster? No!

I have been in London this past year and have seen some good fights. Promoters treat the fans with more consideration than they do in New York.

I saw John Conteh. He is being handled well and am told that he will be kept away from Bob Foster. They cannot keep John away from Foster long enough. Conteh is not the kind of hitter it will take to beat the world light heavy title holder.

If Foster is looking for a heavyweight to beat—he never has beaten one—let him fight soft soap Bugner, one of the most erratic battlers I have seen.

Things are bad over here. Working three days a week and a low dole do not leave many fans with enough dough to go to big fights—if big fights ever show up again over in John Bull's country.

George Healey-Sanderson
London, England

Ahumada No Match?

Please do not allow the New York Commission to okeh a match between Bob Foster and Jorge Ahumada, the Argentinian who stopped Bobby Cassidy in the Big Fight semi-final.

Ahumada is a good fighter but it did not take a wonderful fighter to stop Cassidy. It would take a wonderful fighter to beat Foster.

Ahumada has fast hands and fast feet. But stopping Cassidy cold did not mean Jorge has a real punch.

Cassidy should retire.

Deanklin Beyer
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Those two minute rounds

You guys in the States better not make fun of the two minute rounds that are growing fast here in England.

At first I was against the idea. But gradually it dawned on me that the two minute round makes for a faster fight and that the eight round fight has more speed than the ten.

I would not want to see world championships settled on the two and eight basis but for the lesser clubs two and eight make better entertainment. I believe two and eight will bring up more fighters.

You have a fine magazine. But, then, you already know that.

Frazer Hale
Birmingham, England

Nova Scotia speaks up

Reference your December '73 issue of 'Ring Magazine', what does a fighter have to do to be picked "Fighter of the Month?" In this issue, you have Ali as fighter of the month! Big deal! Who the heck is Norton, whom Ali beat to win the award? Also the fact that there was a lot of contraversy about the decision?

Norton's a good fighter at the best, but "great", negative!! What prompted me to write you is the fact that you completely ignored a great little Canadian fighter, Art Hafey, who KO'd Rubin Olivares in 5 rounds after giving him a sound drubbing, before the final count.

You had all kinds of time to have had a nice write-up on the bout before the December issue. Since that terrific K.O., over Rubin, Art has KO'd Barry Sponagle in 9 rounds, and trounced Olivares soundly in a 10 round re-match. So lets have a good story on a hard punching Canadian featherweight, who just may make it to the top of his division.

Steve MacNeil
Shearwater, Nova Scotia

A plug for Jerry

In 15 years of reading The Ring Magazine, I have submitted two letters, both in favor of Jerry Quarry being fighter of the month. (Against Ron Lyle and Earnie Shavers).

In this letter I would like to express my feelings about Ken Norton. How can he be so low in ratings prior to the Ali fights, have two fights with Ali, and jump above all the contenders who work for their ratings? This, in my opinion, is why people call boxing a "Fix".

There has been much talk of fight magazines showing partiality to Black, such as coverage and buildup. This I agree with.

Another gripe we have, is how Blacks become champion of their division.

Willis Grove
Carlisle, Pa.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Muhammad Ali, Cherry Hill, N.J.
1–Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4–Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5–Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
6–Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
7–Jeff Merritt, Cleveland, Ohio
8–Randy Neuman, Cliffside Park, N.J.
9–Pat Duncan, Carson City, Nev.
10–Pedro Agosto, Puerto Rico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1–Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
3–Vinnie Curto, Miami Beach, Fla.
4–Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I. N.Y.
5–Andy Kendall, Portland, Ore.
6–Jimmy Dupree, Jersey City, N.J.
7–Al Bolden, Portland, Ore.
8–Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Billy Wagner, Cleveland, Ohio
10–Walter White, Orlando, Fla.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1–Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
3–Cuby "Top Cat" Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
4–Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5–George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
6–Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Vito Antuefermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8–Bill Douglas, Columbus, Ohio
9–Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
10–Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1–Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2–Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3–Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
4–Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
5–Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
7–Art Kettles, Asbury Park, N.J.
8–Jack Tillman, Mobile, Ala.
9–David Oropeza, Phoenix, Ariz.
10–Vernon Mason, Balt., Md.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
1–Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
2–Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
3–Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Johhny Gant, Washington, D.C.
5–Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico
6–Doc McClendon, Paterson, N.J.
7–Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
8–Chu Chu Malave, New York, N.Y.
9–Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
10–Al Scooter Meza, Kennwick, Wash.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Esteban, DeJesus, Puerto Rico
1–Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
3–Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
4–Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
5–Tim "Blue" Walker, Washington, D.C.
6–Brooks Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
7–Edwin Viruet, New York, N.Y.
8–Javier Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.Y.
1–Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2–Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
3–Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
4–Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
5–Frankie Otero, Miami, Fla.
6–Hector Diaz, New York, N.Y.
7–Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
8–Hector Pena, Dallas, Texas
9–Moses Carbin, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas

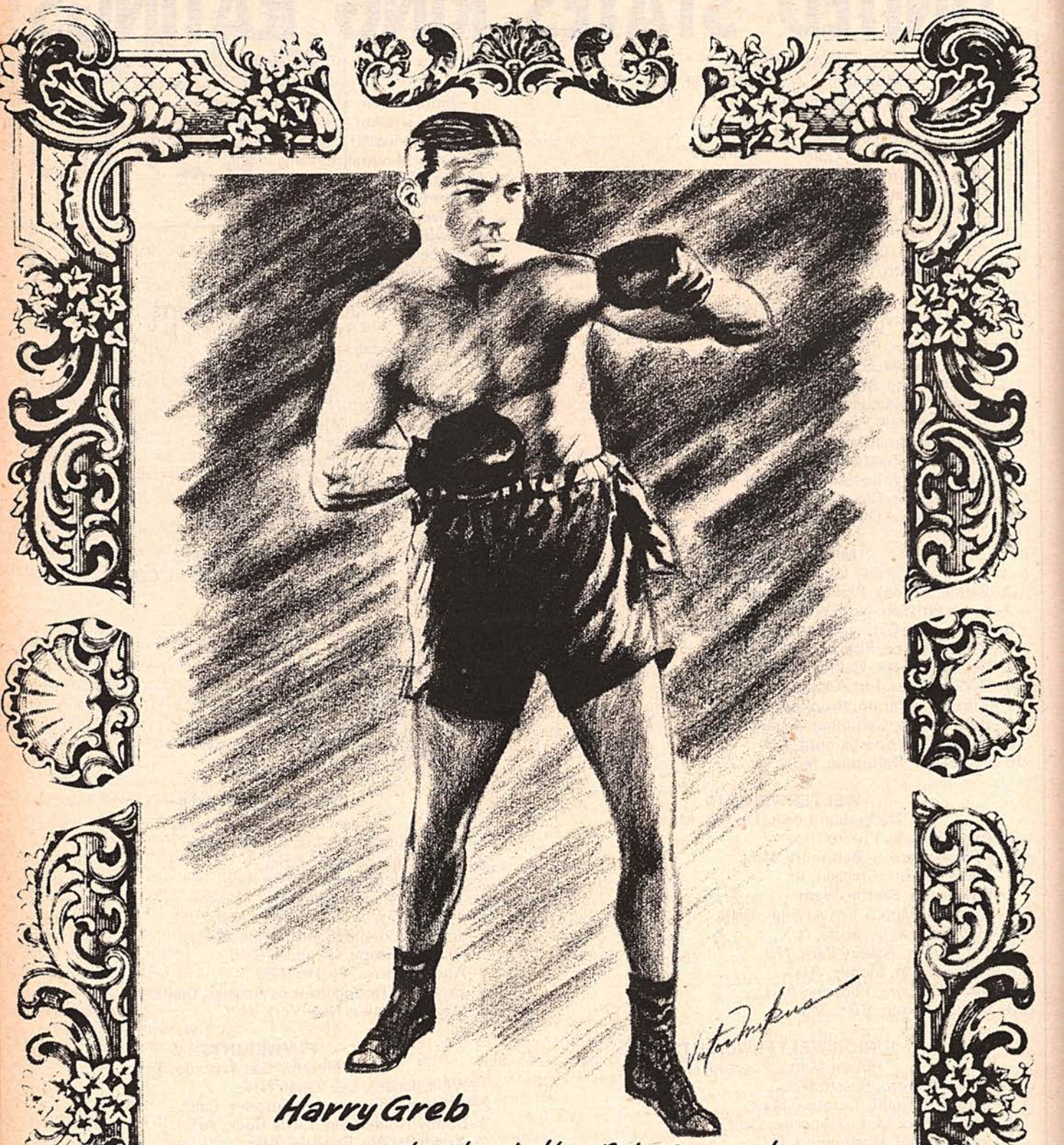
FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
3–Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Ronnie McGarvey, Adelphia, Md.
5–Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
6–Pedro Guzman, New York, N.Y.
7–Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
8–Vilomar Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
9–Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.
10–Calvin Woodland, Washington D.C.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1–Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
3–Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4–Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
5–Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Johnny Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
7–Flavio Barcena, Glendale, Calif.
8–Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
9–Francisco Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1–Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
2–Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
4–Arden Peralta, Phoenix, Ariz.
5–Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
7–Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Raul Rosete, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Eduardo Correa, Puerto Rico

*Champion

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS—PORTRAIT

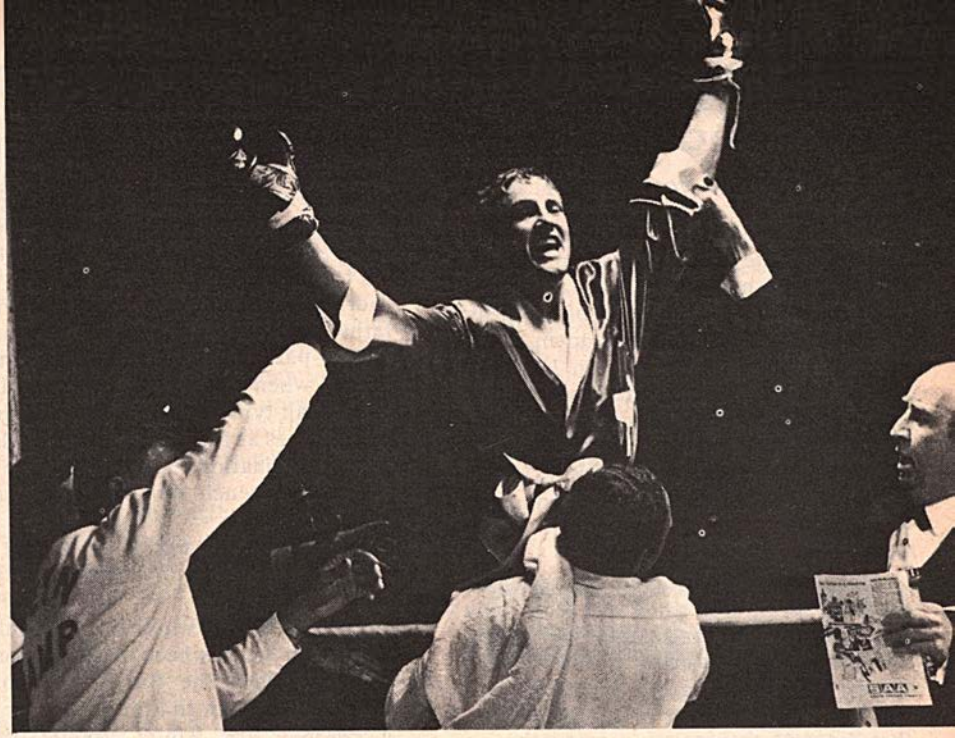


Harry Greb

In a 15 round battle at the Polo Grounds on August 31, 1923 Johnny Wilson was dethroned by Harry Greb.

LIKES 'EM TOUGH

SOUTH AFRICAN STEYN SPECIALIZES IN MEETING CHAMPIONS



Andries Steyn is ecstatic after winning the South African lightweight title from Kokkie Olivier in May, 1971

By RONALD SCOTT

JOHANNESBURG, S.A.—Andries Steyn, South African lightweight champion, has fought three reigning or former world champions in the space of just over 12 months—a record for any boxer currently fighting in this country.

In April, 1972, he met the then world lightweight champion, Ken Buchanan, in a non-title bout in Johannesburg. His father, "Oom Andries" Steyn, who acts as his manager and trainer, was at first unwilling to let Steyn in the ring with Buchanan on the grounds that Steyn was not experienced enough.

He only agreed to the fight after a spate of requests from local sportswriters and fans, and after Steyn himself had begged for the chance to meet the nuggety Scotsman.

"Oom Andries" was proved right when Buchanan gave Steyn a hard drubbing. After Steyn had been floored twice in the third round, his corner threw in the towel, giving Buchanan a t.k.o. win.

Six months later, when he took on Kuniaki Shibata, the former world featherweight champion, Steyn was a different fighter. He split Shibata's right eye open in round two and kept the Japanese on the retreat for the rest of the bout to win on points.

Then, in May this year, Steyn beat Ricardo Arredondo, the WBC world junior lightweight champ, over ten rounds. He was ahead on points when Arredondo opened a cut over his right eye in the eighth round.

From then on, Arredondo punched away at that eye and hunted for a knockout, but Steyn, instead of going on the defensive, tore into the Mexican as if his life was at stake. With blood spattering his face, he held onto his points lead till the end.

Steyn's victory over Arredondo gave rise to speculation that he would soon challenge the world lightweight champion,

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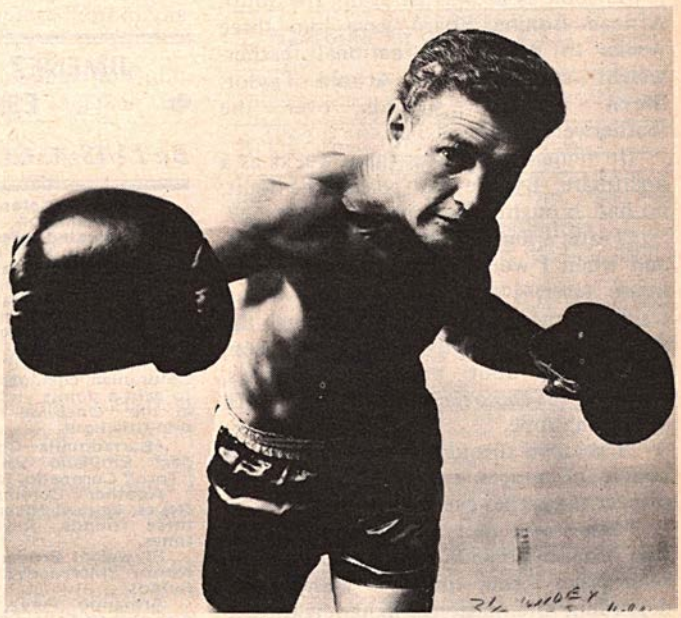
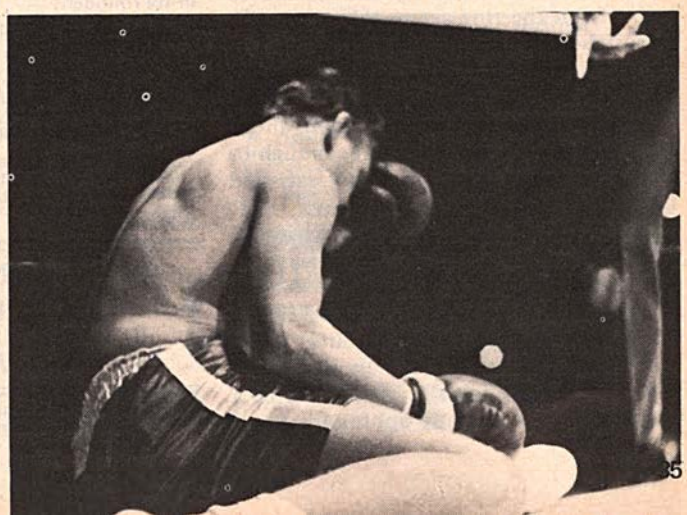


(Above) Andries Steyn as his opponents see him. (Below) A study in defeat as Steyn slumps against the ropes while being counted out against Ken Buchanan in April, 1972.



SOUTH AFRICAN STEYN SPECIALIZES IN MEETING CHAMPIONS

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Roberto Duran. While that bout is still a possibility, Steyn's handlers are hoping that he will meet Ken Buchanan in a return match before the end of the year.

Steyn has had an up-and-down career since he turned professional in 1964. He won the South African featherweight title in September, 1965, when he broke Bernie Taylor's jaw in round seven. Two months later he knocked out Bill Dollery in the 81st second of the first round and became the national lightweight champion as well.

Only 20 years old then, and after six professional bouts, he was the only reigning double champion in the country.

Then came a plague of injuries and illness. Fighting against Spider McCormack in 1966, he hurt his back so badly that he was temporarily paralyzed and had to retire from the ring for 18 months.

As soon as he was fit again, the South African Boxing Board gave him three weeks to defend his national featherweight crown against Arnold Taylor. Steyn was 23 pounds over the featherweight limit of 126.

He remembers those three weeks as a nightmare. By the day before the fight, he had brought his weight down to 127.

"I ate a bunch of grapes that night, and when I weighed myself a couple of hours later, I was 130. I put on my tracksuit and went pounding through the streets. Back home, I went in the kitchen, closed the door and the windows, switched on the oven and went mad with a skipping rope.

"I scraped through that weigh-in by a couple of ounces, and I've had a lot of respect for grapes ever since."

Taylor won that fight on points. The two arch-opponents were soon facing each other again, this time with Taylor defending the national lightweight title which he had captured while Steyn was out of action. Andries regained the crown on a technical knockout, but he had to retire from the ring again, this time with fibrositis in both shoulders.

There were times during that second layoff when Steyn seriously doubted whether he would ever fight again, and if so, whether he would be strong enough to stand up to the best. He only satisfied himself on both scores in May, 1971, when he outpointed Kokkie Olivier to win the national lightweight crown for the third time.

Steyn's record now stands at 32 fights, 29 wins, 16 of them on knockouts.

Boxing was not his first choice among the sports. He originally wanted to be a jockey. He was actually apprenticed to a jockey trainer for three years, but he had to give it up when he put on too much weight.

Coming from the family that he did, he was bound to drift into boxing eventually. His father had been training a amateurs since 1949 and his two older brothers, Stoffel and Japie, had both started boxing seriously.

Andries was managed and trained by his father from the beginning. The most important part of his training is hand punching, when "Oom Andries" wears long baseball-type gloves and his son throws punches at them from every angle, in every combination. The gloves were a gift from the French welterweight, Jean Josselin.

During fiths, if Andries is taking a beating or is in danger of being seriously hurt, he still relies on his father's judgment to decide whether he should carry on. But he has become a lot more independent since the Buchanan fight, when his father threw in the towel.

"I wasn't too happy about that decision," he says. "I told my dad he had to appreciate that I wasn't fighting babies any more."

JIMENEZ VICTOR OVER ESPINOSA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ (Lagoven)

Cartagena—Colombian national bantamweight champion, Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, easily defeated Miguel Espinosa, Bogota City, to retain his title for the first time. "Baba" Jimenez won by decision in 12 rounds.

—Former challenger, Bernardo Caraballo, now Colombian featherweight champion, won an unpopular decision over Julio "Raton" Hernandez, Nicaragua's champion, in a ten rounder.

—Miguel "Turco" Betruz, junior lightweight Colombian champion, staged a storming finish to gain a points victory over Adalberto Gomez, at the "Once de Noviembre" Stadium in a non-title bout.

▲**Barranquilla**—Colombian lightweight prospect Emiliano Villa, outpointed Francisco "Toro" Coronado, Nicaragua, in ten rounds.

Another Colombian lightweight, Ramon Reyes, kayoed Nicaraguan William Martinez, in three rounds. Reyes decked Martinez four times.

Flyweight Prudencio Cardona triumph over Nestor "Morrocoyo" Herrera, Bayunca, in six rounds.

Armando Perez, feather of Barranquilla, domolished Fellow Salgado in four.

▲**Bogota**—Local Fernando "Southpaw" Bustos, 122-1/5, kayoed Jacob Torres, 125-7/10, in good match. Jose Godoy, veteran lightweight of Cartagena, and Mariano Castro, of Bogota, drew in six rounder.

▲**Cartagena**—Bantam Ruben "Panterita" Valdez beat Marcelino Beckles, Costa Rica, TKO, 5 rounder.

Luis Zuniga lost in bantam class too, with Jaime Ricardo in the fourth by knock-out.

In another match, Olimpo Santos, Colombian featherweight, kayoed Eligio Pirela, Venezuela, in the eighth. Pirela did not respond to the bell.

Adalberto Vanegas, Colombian welter champion, outpointed Eddie Gazo, in ten. Milton Mendez, local champion in junior welter class, knocked out Chocolate Richard, panamian, in ten.

BROWER IN SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK BID

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

What most people thought was a set up proved to be the most exciting two-round fight of the New Year as Arnie Brower, the 176-pound Manchester warrior, disposed of rough tough Serge Rodrigueza 187 pounder from N.Y.C.

Rodriguez came to fight and that he did as he nearly ended all of Arnie's dreams in the early moments of a nightmarish first round! Brower was sent to the canvas for an eight count after Serge caught him cold with a pulverizing right hard shot to the nose!

At this point every one but Brower thought it was all over as he floundered around the ring taking many sickening head shots! Arnie's followers, sat dumb founded as their Hero took the worst beating ever in that round.

Johnny Duke and Desi Clark, Brower's trainers, worked feverishly over their charge to stop the faucet-like bleeding of Arnie's nose. Then came Round 2. Arnie came out to win and that he did with exciting combinations that only experience or natural ability could produce. He went on to outbox, outpunch and outthink his mauling opponent from there on to the finish at which time Brower unloaded his own pulverizing right to set Rodrigueza on the seat of his pants for a nine count.

Then Arnie turned animal as he belabored the rolly-polly New York fighter at will until Connecticut's Chief Referee, Billy Taylor, called it a night before anything serious happened. At this point, Hartford's newest "Hero" received and just and standing ovation from an overly excited partisan crowd.

The other fights were good, too.

In the opener Ko Ko Kid of Springfield won in 4 from the up to now unbeaten Sonny Osoni of Naugatuck. In another—Danna McCarthy of Bristol made his pro debut a successful one by KO'ing New Britain's Jay Moore in 1. Ralph Corea of Hfd. lost out to Eddie Parks in a scheduled 6 rounder as he failed to come out for the fourth round. Paul Osbourne, 155, of Lowell, Mass. and Jerry Tremantano, 158, of New York, fought 6 good rounds to a crowd pleasing draw!

Jose Casada, 173, N.Y. white washed Hfd. favorite Hector Ortiz who weighed in at 172 pounds in the six round semi final.

It was a good card for Leibert and Company

"THE WORM" OUTPOINTS "CYCLONE" IN PHILLY 10

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa.—In a bout that proved to be anticlimactic, Willie "The Worm" Monroe outboxed Eugene "Cyclone" Hart over ten fast rounds at the Spectrum.

The match generated a tremendous amount of interest among Philadelphia fans who had followed the rise of both boxers from their preliminary days. There was, however, a certain amount of disappointment in the caliber of action in the long awaited showdown.

It was the old story of run, jab and grab as Monroe followed a smart, calculated battle plan. Hart applied steady pressure but could never corner the fleeing Monroe.

The "Worm's" brightest moments came in the 8th and 9th rounds when he opened up a little with a series of right uppercuts that bloodied Hart's nose and momentarily stopped his advance.

Many of the large house of 10,127 booed Monroe's evasive tactics but none of them were in the ring facing "Cyclone's" left hook. Eugene did finally manage to connect with a solid hook in the last round but Monroe hung on for dear life until his head cleared.

Monroe, who held a two-pound advantage at 159, won for the 27th time in 30 pro outings. Hart is now 24-3-1.

The $66,325 gate left Spectrum boxing director J. Russell Peltz with a big smile on his face.

Alfonso Hayman, 150, utilized his fast hands and a first round knockdown to outpoint Tampa's J.T. Dowe, also 150, over ten hardfought rounds.

Hayman's better boxing controlled the fight but Dowe drove home enough left hooks to keep Alfonso honest. In fact J.T. looked the stronger of the two the last few frames. The Philadelphian is now 13-3-3, while Dowe slipped to 11-5-1.

For sheer entertainment value, Ray "Windmill" White, boxing's so-called Clown Prince, saved the show. White was in town to box for another promoter but hooked up with the Spectrum when the other card fell through.

His 8-rounder with Ed Bailey was ruled a draw but your correspondent and most of the fans felt Ray deserved the nod.

Baily, 179, in the unfortunate role of the straight man, decked Ray in the first round with a right to the head. After that it was all White. "Windmill" unleashed his bag of tricks and the fans loved it.

INSIDE THE ROPES

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in some good body blows. Midway in round two it really got hot. Fullmer threw science to the winds and just continued to charge at Ray and threw punches in all directions. Of course, Fullmer didn't have things his own way. Robinson found spots to get in some good well-timed punches but Fullmer's constant charging was too much. In the fourth round I had to warn Fullmer for heeling.

An unusual incident occurred in the sixth round. Fullmer lunged at Robinson and both tumbled to the canvas along the ropes. The force was too much for the lower strand of rope, which broke. The Garden maintenance crew was unable to adjust matters immediately, so there was a 50-second delay before the seventh round started. Upon resuming, Fullmer landed a hard right to the body. This punch and the fierceness of the charge sent Robinson through the ropes and onto the apron of the ring. He soon was back in and surprised everyone with a series of well directed punches to Fullmer's face and body but Gene just wouldn't stop and kept on punching right back. I guess it wasn't Robinson's night. Fullmer was given a unanimous decision.

In reading the account of the fight the next day, I learned that Robinson complained that I allowed Fullmer to get away with rough stuff. I'm sure that George Gainford and the corner didn't really mean that. Ray reprimanded then by saying that he was beaten fairly and squarely. The same paper mentioned that there was a 90-day clause for a return bout. If I had been one of Robinson's handlers, I'd protest, too, as it furnishes good ballyhoo for the return bout.

Robinson surely learned something in the return bout at Chicago the following May, as Sugar Ray KO'd Fullmer in five rounds. They met twice again after that. One bout ended in a draw. In the other, Fullmer gained a 15-round decision.

"I WAS FIRED"—FUTCH; DID HE OVERTRAIN NORTON?

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Futch disagreed with the fighter's feeling of obligation to Biron and Rivkin and expressed disappointment in Norton's passive approach to his being fired.

"I'm disappointed because I've had fighters that I expected less of who did more," Futch noted. "But if he goes along with them, I don't have a leg to stand on."

Although both sides at times in discussions of the Futch situation, have given indication something might be resolved that would keep the Norton-Futch team together, at this writing it didn't seem too strong a possibility.

Trainer Bill Slayton (he handled Jerry Quarry at one time) is now working with Norton as he awaits word on whether or not a fight with Foreman is to be a reality.

Futch expressed concern that Norton and his new trainer might run into problems.

"Ken is not the type of individual you can turn loose to just anybody and everybody. There's so much you have to know about him and his personality. He's a very strong-minded individual and you have to have complete control over him to get results."

It's ironic that after his win over Ali in San Diego, Norton's camp dismissed local hypnotist Dr. Michael Dean, saying he no longer was needed and now after losing to Ali the second time around, it's trainer Futch's turn.

What next?

"BOXING WAS GOOD TO ME," SAYS BOBO OLSON

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A guy named Joe complains to Bobo, "I seen them all and today there ain't no fighters."

You mention Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay (here, Muhammad Ali is a tongue twister), even Jerry Quarry. Joe is adamant. But nice. "Don't get mad," he jabs at your chest. Bobo smiles, enjoying the fight talk.

He weighs around 200 now, but he runs two miles every morning and has his garage in Santa Rosa fixed up like a gym. He picks up a buck at banquets. He tells about this big kid in the gym getting his nose bloody and Bobo telling him, "Look, I been around the fights since I was 9. Why don't you try some other sport, like football or baseball?"

Five years later the kid taps Bobo on the shoulder and introduces himself. He's Daryle Lamonica of the Oakland Raiders.

There is no bitterness in Bobo. No looking back, even though his first manager lost all the money he made through bad investments. "I'm doing fine," says Bobo. "Boxing was good to me."

While he was still fighting for championships, some sensation-monger exposed Bobo as a man with two families—a wife with four kids in Hawaii, a wife with four kids in San Francisco. "It's all settled," says Bobo.

His first wife remains in Hawaii. He lives with the second wife in Santa Rosa. Three children are still at home. He has five boys who weigh over 200 pounds each.

"Some horses," says Bobo. "Weight lifters. My 23-year-old, he's got a 23-inch neck. My kids all turned out good."

One day in 1967, when Bobo was getting close to 40, he quit the ring for good. He went to Santa Rosa to run a physical education program for deprived kids in a Merchant Marine camp. When the funds ran out, he went into his present job of public relations for the Teamsters.

He's genuinely glad someone who saw him in the big days in Madison Square Garden took the trouble to look him up again. "You make me remember," he says as I walk away from the bar, "the enjoyable times."

Oh yes, there is one noticeable change in Bobo Olson. He has a black mustache now.

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DETERMINED VIRUET SHOWS HIGH SKILL

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Indeed Adolfo handled the classy Argentinian as if Piton were the underdog prelim boy and Viruet was the star attraction. Viruet repeatedly landed smashing blows, staggering his opponent. In the second round Adolfo sent Oscar down for a mandatory-count with a short uppercut to the chin.

It stilled the joyful shouting of the South American's followers. When Oscar regained his feet, his rival went at him like a hungry wolf after a limping rabbit, beating him till the gong sounded, saving Piton from further punishment.

In round three Piton, still confident of his trickery, tried to keep his aggressive opponent at bay, but Viruet resumed his deadly assault, disdaining Oscar's blows and plunging in with swinging fists. Then one connected and deposited the Argentine boxer to the deck.

Up at nine, he retreated with Adolfo in pursuit; He managed to elude his foe until sent down again with a solid left hook. Referee Herbie Kronowitz counted out the half-conscious boxer in 2 minutes, 34 seconds.

Adolfo Viruet finally had reached success. Joe DeMaria was filled with joy and pride and triumph. His faith in the lad brought the two of them glory. Now lucrative matches would be forthcoming for them.

The dressing-room was packed with friends and other well-wishers, also reporters seeking information about the new ring star from DeMaria.

"Oh, the kid had given me a hard time for nearly four years," Joe DeMaria told reporters, while cornerman Al Braverman looked on with a smile. "That's when I turned him pro. Adolfo had won two amateur titles as a featherweight. Well, it was like pulling teeth, getting him in the gym to train for fights. And then he'd work out a few days and disappear.

"I didn't know where he went, where he slept or ate, though while in training I had him, and his brother Edwin, living at my house. Believe me, it was frustrating. Adolfo, the younger boxer, was so unreliable that I stopped matching him for fights."

"Why did you continue being his manager all these years?" asked a reporter.

"Well, before their mother left for Puerto Rico," was the reply, "she asked me to look after her sons. I promised I would. Then she made the kids promise to respect and obey me. Edwin, who is 23, was not too bad, fought much oftener, came to the gym and trained. Adolfo respected me and at the same time repeatedly disappointed me by failing to follow my advice. You see, I began to teach the kids boxing about the time they reached their teens. Edwin leaned toward classy boxing, Adolfo was of the strong, aggressive tupe, a punch-tosser, had the makings of becoming a good fighter. He was tough and fearless."

"Seems that your faith in Adolfo," observed another reporter, "finally bore fruit."

"Yeah," grinned DeMaria. "To the tune of $1,250—his first main event, scheduled for ten rounds."

Joe added: "It's the biggest bundle of dough Adolfo ever saw in his life. I believe now he'll take his boxing career seriously. He's good for no other type work."

The manager heaved a sigh of relief. He foresaw Adolfo no more being a vago (bum, in Spanish), coming regularly to the Gramercy Gym and training faithfully.

Adolfo came out of the shower-room. "Well," someone asked the fighter, "how does it feel becoming an overnight ring success?"

"I suppose," shrugged the fighter, "becomin' a bigger success."

"First time," chuckled Joe, "he showed an interest in his future. Never before did he have an aim in life, no ambition. I must admit that both Edwin and Adolfo adore my wife Josephine. She cooks for them, makes them feel at home in our house. They call her 'Mom'."

Adolfo was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on January 29, 1952, and came with his family to New York when only a child. He's a grammar school dropout. Adolfo is one of ten children, seven of which are living.

DeMaria put him in the amateurs at age 16. He went undefeated in all his 38 bouts, capturing two Golden Gloves titles. Four years ago Adolfo began fighting for money, but earned very little, since he participated in only nine bouts—without a loss.

An important fact about Adolfo is that he can fight equally well at an orthodox stance, turning lefty whenever he finds it expedient, or whenever his manager tells him to do so.

It's not merely the fact that he flattened the clever and more experienced Oscar Piton in three rounds, after dropping him twice, that impressed those who saw him fight but that he's tough and strong, game and aggressive, can shake off hard blows and come back with swinging potent fists.

And, it might be added, having had a taste of success, the admiration of the boxing fans—also laudatory newspaper articles about his pugilistic future—has inspired Adolfo Viruet to become an outstanding ring star.

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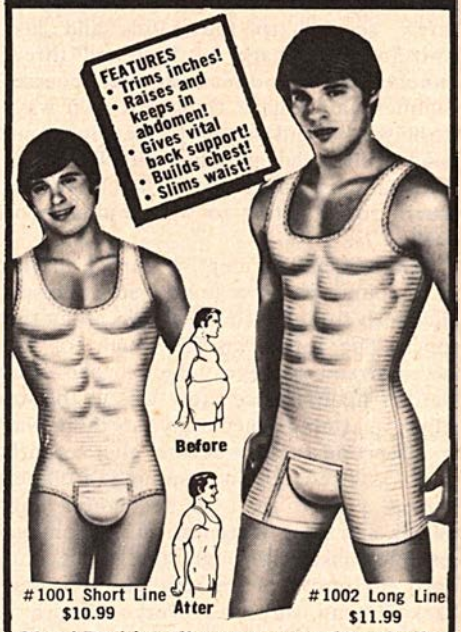

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HALL OF FAME

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John L. were the fights that pushed John into his match with Jake Kilrain and eventual world recognition as the heavyweight champion. Ryan was considered the terror of his time and his beatings by Sullivan started the reign by Americans over the heavyweight division which, with few exceptions, has lasted to this day.

Paddy passed away at Green Island, New York, in 1901.

Back in the early twenties, a French-Canadian whose square handle was Ovila Chapdelaine climbed to fame in boxing as Jack Delaney, or "The Rapier of the North".

The future light heavyweight champion of the world was born March 18, 1900, at St. Francis, Canada. He brought to boxing an almost perfect physique, handsome features, a regal bearing and dark probing eyes. He also brought a consumate skill and a devastating punch. His early career in 1919 was anything but suggestive of the brilliance he was to manifest in his later years.

His was the brightest period for the light heavyweight class. On his climb he met the best of an awesome bunch of leather pushers—Paul Berlenbach, Leo Lomski, Jim Braddock, Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Slattery and Mike McTigue, among others.

It was Jack and Berlenback who opened up Madison Square Garden (The 50th Street Edifice) on December 11, 1925 for the light heavyweight title. They drew a then record indoor gate of over $200,000.

Jack lost a 15^0 round decision to Paul that night but came back the following year to win the crown on a 15 round decision in Brooklyn. He never defended the crown, deciding to gamble on heavyweight competition. As a light heavyweight he was one of the greatest but as a heavyweight he just didn't have it.

His light heavyweight fights with Jimmy Slattery and Tommy Loughran will never be forgotten. His satisfying fight with Tiger Flowers, Mike McTigue, Maxie Rosenbloom and Berlenbach also will not be forgotten.

There was a sneaking suspicion that by the time Jack turned his hands to the heavyweights he was over the hill. But what a light heavyweight he was!

Delaney died of cancer on November 27, 1948, at Katonah, New York. Now, he is in oldtimers section of the Ring Boxing Hall of Fame.

Frankie Genaro was born in New York on August 26, 1901. As a boy he had ambitions to become a jockey and for a time served as a stable boy. He liked boxing and at the age of 18 entered a tournament at the Crescent A.C. for his first contest. He won the N.Y. and National flyweight titles during the first few months of his fighting career, then entered the bantam class and gained considerable success.

He was a member of the Olympic team that carried off the honors in the Antwerp Games in 1920. Other members of that great team were Sam Mossberg and Eddie Eagan, later New York Boxing Commissioner.

As a pro, Genaro had 17 contests before losing his first fight. He defeated Pancho Villa in a flyweight contest in Madison Square Garden in 15 rounds. The bout was billed for the American title.

In July, 1925, when Pancho Villa, the world titleholder died, Genaro laid claim to that title and won eight bouts in a row to receive recognition. Then he went to Los Angeles where he fought Fidel La Barba, who relieved him of the crown.

Genaro died on December 26, 1966 at Staten Island, New York, from complications suffered following an operation. Now, he joins Delaney in the oldtimers Hall of Fame.

One of the two new faces added to the Moderns in the Hall is Gus Lesnevich, who began his fistic career in the Golden Gloves back in 1934 and turned pro that same year. Just before World War II, he finally made it to the top of the light heavyweight division. He achieved this by winning a 15 round decision over Anton Christoforidis for the National Boxing Association version of the 175-pound title. Three months and four days later, he won another 15-round decision, this one over Tami Mauriello, to win universal recognition as the light heavyweight boss.

As far back as 1939 Gus had his first crack at the bauble but Billy Conn was too tough a nut for him at that stage of his career. The same was true in 1940 when Billy once again turned back Gus's challenge for the crown.

After the Mauriello outing, Gus entered the Coast Guard. During the war years, four of them, he did his service stint, including a hitch in the South Pacific.

He held the title from 1941 to 1948 when he lost his championship to Freddie Mills over the 15 round route. Gus continued to box until August, 1949, when he challenged Ezzard Charles for the heavyweight title and was knocked out in seven rounds. It was his last fight in the ring. He left boxing with 76 bouts under his belt and with one of the longest tenures as light heavyweight king. He is holder of the fastest knockout ever recorded in a light heavyweight championship bout when he iced Billy Fox in their second meeting in the first round.

After his fighting days he was a referee and successful business man in New Jersey and once said of himself: "I'm the happiest ex-fighter around."

He died of a heart attack at Cliffside Park, New Jersey, on February 28, 1964. He left his wife Inga and five children.

Sammy Angott, nee Samuel Engotti, is an Italian-American, who first saw the light of day on January 17, 1915, at Washington, Pa. Before he was old enough to shave he was fighting and developing his peculiar fighting style that was both puzzleing and winning.

Sammy won several titles as a simon pure and then turned to the sock 'em ranks in 1935. On his way to and after annexing the world lightweight crown, he added up 125 fights with 22 knockouts and 72 wins, 8 draws and 23 loses.

He first tasted glory in 1940 when he won the NBA version of the lightweight title by defeating Davey Day on a 15-round decision. He fought them all—Fritzie Zivic, Bob Montgomery, Ray Robinson, Baby Arizmendi, Pete Lello and more. There were good and bad nights, until the night of December 19, 1941 when he finally gained universal recognition as lightweight kingpin by defeating Lew Jenkins via a 15-round decision. After a successful defense of his title against Allie Stolz, he retired as undefeated champ on November 13, 1942.

By January, 1943, that old feeling called him back into competition. In his fourth comeback fight he won the NBA lightweight title, on a 15-round decision, from Slugger White.

He continued to fight, retire and fight. Men like Beau Jack and Juan Zurita came along and while Sammy drew with Beau he failed against Juan and lost his title in a 15-rounder.

By 1950 the game had lost its zest to him and he fought his last pro match, a losing effort, with Sonny Boy West.

Fritzie Zivic gave him a special tribute when he said of Angott: "Sammy was one of the gamest guys I ever met and one of the great fighters of his time."

Since ending his ring days, Sammy has run a bar with Zivic, worked in the rubber business and has been a general all around "good guy" in Massilon, Ohio. His wife Evelyn and three children are very thrilled that the boxing pundits have finally come to recognize the true worth of a fighter who never fought a bad fight.

He had been slowed up by arthritis but ask the members of his local Elks lodge and they will tell you that Sammy is more of a champ today than he was in the ring. Like Lesnevich he joins the Moderns in the Boxing Hall of Fame.

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Jim Adams halted Bill Hardney, 1.
Rodney Bobick stopped Vicente Rondon, 3, beat Daniel Lee, 10.
Jimmy Young kayoed Richard Dunn, 7.
Al Migliorate halted Dave Matthews, 3.
John Dennis beat Billy Williams, 6.
Tony Pulu kayoed Bob Crutsion, 6, beat Charles Brooks, 6.
Charles Brooks drew with David Smith, 6.
Scott LaDoux kayoed Art Pullems, 3.
Fred Askew beat Cheeko Gardner, 4.
Leroy Jones halted Paul Solomon, 1.
Tom Berry kayoed Pete Knight, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Quarry beat Brian Kelly, 10.
Jorge Ahumada stopped Vern McIntosh, 5.
Tom Bethea drew with Angel Oquendo, 10.
Arnie Brower halted Sergio Rodriguez, 3.
Jose Casado beat Hector Ortiz, 6.
Dana McCarthy stopped Jay Moore, 1.
Rody Rodriguez halted Chuck Warfield, 3.
Kevin Pantelow kayoed by Willie Taylor, 6.
Alvaro Lopez halted Andy Kendall, 5.
Tom Boggs defeated Eddie Owens, 10, Mario Almanzo, 10.
Eddie Jones drew with Rudiger Schmidtke, 10.
Hildo Silva beat Bobby Stewart, 10.
Karl Zurheide decisioned Gary Summerhayes, 10.
James Scott kayoed Hydra Lacey, 3, Willie Johnson, 4.
Lee Royster defeated Tony Green, 8.
John Heidel beat Robert Strong, 6.
Angel Estevez outpointed Jimmy Williams, 8.
Ray Hernandez beat Bob Green, 4.
Pedro Soto drew with Jay Elson, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Briscoe kayoed Tony Mundine, 5.
Carlos Monzon halted Jose Napoles, 7, retained World Middleweight Title.
Leo Saenz beat Dave Ditmar, 8.
Jim Redford outpointed Bruce Cantrell, 8.
Ekehard Dagge decisioned Denny Moyer, 10.
Don Cobbs kayoed Joey Blair, 6.
John Pinney beat Teddy Murray, 10.
Rocky DeFazio stopped Nock Peoples, 4.
Jacques Kechichian halted Hans Orsolics, 9, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Willie Classen beat Larry Davis, 8.
Tony Licata outpointed Emile Griffith, 12, American middleweight title.
Koichi Wajima defeated Miguel de Oliviera, 15, W.B.A. junior middleweight title.
Dennis Riggs halted Ron Thornton, 2.
Jean Mateo kayoed Vicente Medina, 10.
Tony Mundine halted Manuel Fierro, 6.
Mike Rossman beat Maximo Pierret, 6.
Jerry Tramontano drew with Paul Osborne, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Renato Garcia halted Roberto Ulloa, 4.
Fausto Rodriguez kayoed Henry Phildert, 1.
Elisha Obed stopped Windell Spencer, 3.
Zovek Barajas kayoed Raul Sosa, 6.
Ray Seales outpointed Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Clyde Gray kayoed Bunny Grant, 9, British Empire welterweight title.
Art Kettles halted Jack Tillman, 6.
Rafael Rodriguez drew with Keith Averette, 8.
Bobby Crawford drew with Mayron Kowal, 6.
Tom Adams beat Jose Hernandez, 4.
Ray Hammond decisioned Jeff Holmes, 6.
Sammy Gonzalez outpointed Juan Cantes, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruno Arcari won dis. 8, over Toni Ortiz, retained W.B.C. junior welterweight title.
Kevin Dorian halted George Reilly, 5.
Everaldo Costa beat Otho Tyson, 10.
Brooks Byrd halted Laudiel Negron, 7.
Andy Price kayoed Julio Lopez, 10, stopped by Rudy Barro, 10.
Juan Morales beat Rod Contreras, 6.
Roy Holloway stopped Juan Morales, 1.
Larry Bonds outpointed Chuchu Marsical, 6.
Eddie Vargas halted Miguel Navedo, 3.
Tony Petronelli won from Beau Jaynes, 10.
Victor Checo beat Avon Little, 4.
Luis Rodriguez beat Ray Sanchez, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roberto Duran kayoed Armando Mendoza, 3, non-title.
Paul Colette beat Henry Thomas, 8.
Hugo Barraza stopped Carlos Vasquez, 3.
Armando Cordova outpointed Rod Contreras, 6.
Vicente Hernandez beat Tony Sanchez, 8.
Randy Shields halted Tony Sanchez, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Marcano drew with Vicente Blanco, 10.
Lothar Abend beat Bingo Cook, 10.
Alfredo Escalera halted Stanley Yanecheck, 2.
Jose Del Campo stopped Yohihiro Shikauchi, 3.
Ken Brooks kayoed by Delfino Rodriguez, 3.
Radames Ventura beat Enrique Warren, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ernesto Marcel beat Alexis Arguello, 15, W.B.A. featherweight title.
Lionel Hernandez outpointed Santos Luis Rivera, 10.
Danny Lopez stopped Memo Rodriguez, 10.
Edgar Cabalhin beat Baby Casanova, 10.
Bobby Chacon kayoed Jorge Ramos, 5.
Felix Garcia halted Jesus Robles, 2.
Joe Guevara beat Jesus Robles, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Paddy Maguire beat Antonio Tenza, 8.
Alberto Davila decisioned Doroteo Cubilas, 10.
Domi Manalang outpointed Moses Armas, 10.
Francisco Villegas beat Rodolfo Martinez, 10.
Johnny Clark outpointed Salvatore Fabrizio, 15, E.B.U. bantamweight title.
Frank Duarte kayoed Pedro Torres, 3.
Eddie Logan kayoed Carlos Estrada, 1.

FLYWEIGHTS

Fernand Cabanela beat Chartchai Chionoi, 10.
Don Pisarnehai halted Ramon Ignacio, 3.

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HUTCHINS LOOKING TO DAY OF SUPREMACY AS LIGHT HEAVY

(Continued from page 29)

"He fought the way we wanted him to from the seventh round on," Grooms explained.

The title is the obvious goal for Hutchins. Grooms has said all along that he is pointing toward a title bout with Foster sometime next year. Grooms and Hutchins aren't underestimating Foster, and they have tremendous respect for his great punching ability.

But Hutchins' strength is his boxing ability and a sharp left jab and hook. With his right hand developing authority, that would give Hutchins one more much-needed weapon for Foster.

As for Hutchins' relationship with Grooms—which has made him the main eventer at Olympia Stadium two blocks away from his home on Wreford—he considers it the best thing that ever happened to him.

"We seem to think alike," Hutchins says. "That keeps things smooth. The name of the game is money, and the less conflict the better. Signing with Grooms is the best thing I've done in my life."

You'd have to say that Hutchins has learned to use his hands pretty well. Just ask the guys he's used them on.

JEUDI, SEMELLE WIN IN HAITI

By JACQUES DESCHAMPS JR.

Port au Prince, Haiti—In the main event of a Pierre Gabriel Promotion Haiti Light and Featherweight Champion Yves Jeudi came back from a six months layoff to outpoint Ernesto Valdez of the Dominican Republic.

Jeudi took charge from the opening Bell to never let down. Boxing beautifully and outpowering the visitor in the first three rounds. The big question at ringside was: would Valdez last the distance? But showing a lot of courage he lasted the distance and surprised the fans with an all out attack in the last round to win his only round of the eight. Both fighters received a good round of applause from the fans. Both judges and the referee scored it 9 to 1 for Jeudi who now has won 12 in a row.

In the semi-final, Haiti's Kid Semelle defeated Ernesto Dila of the Dominican Republic, in the most exciting fight seen here in many years. They are bantamweights.

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protesting the fact that their local boy, Lionel Hernandez, was gifted with a ten-round decision against Rivera last week in Caracas. Even the fans who were present at the event protested vehemently when the decision was announced.

▲**Carolina, P.R. Country Club Court**—Venezuelans were featured in two ten round co-feature events and they came out even with one win a piece. In one ten-rounder, welterweight Papo Melendez scored a unanimous decision over Guacharaco Viera. In the other ten, Venezuelan lightweight Gustavo Briceno was awarded the decision against the ever aggressive Rocky Orengo. In six heats, featherweight Hiram Morales lost a split decision against Juan Pollock.

In another six, lightweight Ramon Montes scored a TKO victory over Benjamin Camacho when the ref stopped the action because of a badly lacerated lip suffered by Camacho. In a prelim ten rounder, lightweight Santiago Rosa had no trouble in scoring a decision over Juan Figueroa.

▲**San Juan, Roberto Clemente Stadium**—Highly ranked junior feather Alfredo Escalera scored another easy one when Stanley Yenecheck was dropped on three occasions in the second with the ref calling a halt at 2:49 of the round. Although Stanley had taken the first heat he was definitely out of his class in this bout.

In another ten, welterweight Fausto Ceja Rodriguez had an equal easy time against a guy named Henry Phildert. Fausto tore into his opponent with reckless abandon, scoring a kayo in 2:41 of the first.

Junior welter Laudiel Negron was well ahead on points in his bout against Bruce Baray but the ref was forced to call a halt against him in the sixth because of a badly lacerated left eye.

In what was definitely the best bout of the evening, Dominican junior lightweight Hector Julio Medina scored a surprise four-round kayo over favored Gino Febus. Median displayed superb boxing skill and punched with solid authority in taking this one from the one-time conqueror of Alfredo Escalera. The aggressive Febus started well but folded when his opponent switched from clever boxing to hard punching.

Benjamin Ortiz roughhoused his way to a TKO victory over game Mexican featherweight Jimmy Martinez. The bout was stopped in the fifth when Martinez had to retire because of a damaged arm. Martinez started slow but was coming back strong when he developed the arm problem.

In another ten, Aurelio Birriel was gifted with a ten round decision over lightweight Tony Trys.

VILLEGAS IN SPLIT NOD WIN OVER MARTINEZ

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SAN JUAN, P.R. HIRAM BITHORN STADIUM—Leading U.S.A. bantam Francisco Villegas was most fortunate in receiving a split ten-round decision from his highly ranked opponent from Mexico, Rodolfo Martinez.

Behind after the second round, the baby-faced battler from South of the border switched to his natural southpaw style in the third to take command. He dumped Villegas in the fourth, seconds before the bell ended the round. Although Villegas rallied in the fifth, he was troubled by a badly puffed eye in the sixth and it was not until the eighth that he again took an edge in a round. His continuous back-pedalling in the closing rounds were decisive in giving his sharp punching Mexican rival what appeared to be an advantage in this torrid affair. Not since the days of bantam champ Sixto Escobar has Puerto Rico witnessed a bout between two ranked contenders in this division. The power-packed little Mexican commented after the bout that the puffed up aspect of Villegas' face was a clear sign of who won the bout. What did Villegas have to say? "Bring on the champ" ! !

The semi ten saw junior welter Josue Marquez return to the ring to take an easy ten-rounder from his inept rival, A. Robinson of the Bahamas.

In another 142-pound bout, Wilfredo Benitez won another when he TKOed an unknown quantity by name of Roberto Flanders in the fourth.

In a very evenly-matched, six-rounder Juan Serrano and Dominican Juan Disla fought a fast draw.

The opening four saw 140-pounders Jose A. Rivera and Hector Amadis hammer away at each other throughout with Rivera taking the decision.

▲Featherweight Santos Luis Rivera just returned from Caracas, Venezuela with clippings from all of the leading dailies

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

VBA PRES.

IVBA Ring #11 of Hartford, Connecticut came up with a new slate of officers at a recent election. Billy Kowalczyk, real estate man and correspondent for Ring Magazine is the President: Former Prexy Billy Kearns garnered the V.P. spot: Rec. Secretary went to Vic Gagne: Treasurer is Joe Basile: Sgt. at Arms—Dick Jean: Chairman of Public Relations is Al Du Pont and former world featherweight king Willie Pep is the Good Will Ambassador.

John Luke. . . .dedicated member of IVBA Ring #30 of Westchester County passed away at age 67.

At a recent election of officers of New York City's Ring 8, the following ringsters were elected to office: Pres—Al Reid; 1st. V.P.—Jerry Grieff: 2nd. V.P.—Ray Kozak: Treasurer—Larry Ritchie: Secretary—George Rugg: Sgt. at Arms—Harold Besser & Danny Levine.

IVBA Ring #30 of Westchester County made its yearly trip to the Cardinal McCloskey Orphanage with members Bob Brandt, Al Sparks Antonacci, Eddie Desmond, John Luke, Stan Galicia, Gus "Gooey" Prioleau, Tony Judycki and your reporter loaded down with gifts and goodies.

Young McGowan Goldberg, Danny Cox, Champ Segal, Sam Taub and Mickey Shaw have all recently been hospitalized.

IVBA Ring #14 of Hudson County, N.J. recently sponsored a youth boxing show, with the proceeds earmarked for retarded children in that area. Their next charitable venture is due next month when they will entertain the inmates of the Hudson County jail with another boxing show.

Thys Menger, former top middleweight of the late 1920's and early 1930's, recently passed away at age 62. He boxed fellows like Vince Dundee, Mickey Walker and Al Diamond.

Mike Prudenti, former ringster and member of Ring #8 of New York City, is busy these days plugging for a sports center in his Long Island City area, and also campaigning for a city council spot on the independant ticket in the next elections.

William Ramoth. . . .better known in his fistic days as Billy Kilroy is employed these days as a U.S. Marshal in Newark, N.J.

State Senator Joseph R. Pisani. . . .is ticketed to be te guest speaker at the 9th Annual Dinner-Dance of IVBA Ring #30 being held at The Parkway Casino in Tuckahoe, N.Y. on Saturday evening May 11th. Being honored that evening and inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame will be Joe "Iron Horse" Sturino and Phil Mercurio—(Posthumously).

IVBA Ring #14. . . recently held an Installation of Officers Dinner at Shannon Grill, with the Honorable Judge Charles DeFazio doing the honors. The newly elected officers are Pres.—Charlie Spina: 1st. V.P.—Frank Sapone: 2nd. V.P.—Dr. Walter Peddie: Recording Sec'y—Mickey Esposito: Financial Sec'y—Willie Mack: Treasurer—Al Roth: Sgt. at Arms—Charlie Krikorian: General Chairman—Paul Venti: Photographer—Ted Esposito: Judge Advocate—Honorable Charles DeFazio Jr: Executive Chairman is Stanley Poreda.

Charlie Phil Rosenberg. . . .former world bantamweight champion, is ailing in Jewish Memorial Hospital in N.Y.C.

Ring #8 of New York City recently held a very successful banquet at Micali's Restaurant in Brooklyn, N.Y. honored were former Garden Boxing Director Harry Markson and Solly Seeman. Chairman and presenter of the plaques was Irv Silverman, who is also that club's former Prexy, and presently the Secretary of the International VBA. Dais guests were former world light heavy champ Paul Berlenbach, Teddy Brenner, Petey Scalzo, Lou Salica, Ruby Goldstein, Charles Gellman, Irv Silverman, Sammy Venti and Sam Markowitz. Many greats of Fistiana were in attendance enjoying the good food which was plentiful.

August Palleschi. . . .former boxer and member of Ring #21 of Brooklyn, N.Y. is recuperating from a heart seizure at South Nassau Community Hospital in Oceanside, N.Y.

Frankie Ryff, former lightweight contender is hard at work on a book about his life, centered mainly around his near fatal accident. Frankie wants it known that he is writing this book without the aid of any ghost writers. It figures to be a best seller in the sporting world.

Joe Vaccarella, former pugilist, harness racing driver and mayor of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. is ill in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Hospital.

RETIRED REFEREE NOW PROMOTING

By JACKIE LEVINSON

The new fad in boxing, meaning "watch the fights" and eat at the same time. 80-year-old Elder Craft, now retired from the Virginia Boxing Commission, has decided to be a promoter.

Your reporter finds nothing in the Virginia Boxing Commission rule book, stating any age restrictions. Elder staged his first, pleasing card at the Elk's Meeting Hall, in Portsmouth. Craft was Virginia's leading referee, for the past 40 years.

▲**Portsmouth Elks Boxing Results:** Joe Coe, 125 lbs, K.Od in the 2nd rd. Ron Baker, 127 lbs. . . Earl Toomer, 156 lbs, K.Od in 3rd rd. Lenny Picou, 155 lbs. . . Walter Lewellen, 170 lbs, K.Od in 2nd rd. Larry White 169 lbs. . . Jeremish Mathis, 194 lbs, won 3rd dec. over John Sandridge 198 lbs. . . Steve Bailey, 133 lbs, won 3rd dec. over Will Rankin, 136 lbs. . . Bobby Acey, 135 lbs, won 3rd dec. over Andre Sherfield, 137 lbs. . . Vince Amaya, 160 lbs, won 3rd dec. over Jerry Toomey. . .

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▲T.A.B.A. Tidewater Amateur Boxing Association, staged 12 amateur shows in the last 6 months of 1973. The shows are being staged for any existing Fraternal or civic organizations, as a non-profit associations assisting in raising funds for worthwhile charities, while coordinating efforts to bring boxing instructions to youth in the community. Recently the city of Norfolk, hired within their Recreation department, a boxing coordinator Mr. Wally Haigh. Among his duties he must develop facilities and instructional programs for the community. Mike Wulf the top man of the new T.A.B.A. he directs his orders to his many assistance, and gets plenty help, from non-paid coaches, trainers, managers and RING assistances. Mr. Mike Wulf the organizer, requests any amateur coaches (Managers), please contact him at: 3533—Sea Gull Rd.—Virginia Beach, 23452.

EVANS WINS AS BOXING RETURNS TO NEW CASTLE, IND.

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

NEW CASTLE, INDIANA—A surprisingly large and vocal turnout of more than 2,100 fans packed the Church Street YMCA Gym here and proved the drawing power of local favorites Irish Jerry Evans and Jimmy Claar. This small town, 45 miles east of Indianapolis, with a population of only 20,000, turned out for the first pro fight card here in 25 years, despite a local high school basketball game only 10 miles away in Muncie.

Evans, 171½, outslugged game Sylvester Wilder, 177, Cleveland, Ohio, in the eight-round main event. The local belter, weakened by a case of the flu and about five pounds light as a result, nevertheless won every round on the scorecards of the officials. Many of the hard-fought sessions were close, and Wilder was in the fight all the way. Evans is now 26-7, with four straight wins.

Claar, 152, registered his second straight first-round KO as a pro by belting out debuting Ruben Green, 146, Indianapolis, with a stiff right hand at the 1:31 mark. Claar was also given a rousing ovation for his effort.

A pair of Indianapolis boxers extended their winning streaks, while one Indy fighter absorbed his first loss. Stormin' Norman Goins, 132, halted Willie Williams, 138, Cleveland, at 2:13 of the second round to run his record to 9-0-1. Goins had stopped Williams at Indianapolis in his pro debut after being far behind on points, and the Ohioan, a veteran of 45 pro bouts, again was a minor problem. Williams staggered Goins with a looping left early in the second session, but Stormin' Norman collected himself and floored Willie three times for the automatic TKO.

Slammin' Sammy NeSmith, 153, upset the local experts by quickly blitzing hard punching Gene Simelton, 155, Detroit, at 1:23 of the opening session. NeSmith, now 5-0, was expected to have problems with the Motown slugger, but his whirlwind attack put Simelton down twice, the second time for keeps with a beautiful left hook to the midsection. Simelton, now 4-4, was coming off a two-year layoff.

Tommy Prater, 185, won the first two rounds easily but got careless and was pole-axed at 0:36 of round three by Cleveland's Reggie Fleming, 193. Prater is now 2-1, while Fleming is 4-2.

Veteran Marion (Tiger) Thomas, 132, Indianapolis, also combatting the flu, squeaked by game Ronnie Pettigrew, 140, Cleveland, over four rounds. Thomas, now 28-7-1, can find little competition among junior lightweights in the Midwest, but was almost outhustled by the scrappy Ohioan. Thomas has boxed main events in New York, Philadelphia, San Juan, Aruba, and San Antonio.

▲**HOOSIER NOTES**—The greatest advance sale in Indiana Golden Gloves history has taken place this year, with almost 12,000 seats virtually sold out in advance for the five straight weeks of competition. Although the great local simon-pures have turned pro, fighters like Norman Goins, Sammy NeSmith, and Marvin Johnson (all National champs) and Tommy Prater (a National runnerup), Hoosier fans are still breaking down the doors to see their favorites. Much credit to State AAU officials George and Mike DeFabis, who is the Assistant Mayor of Indianapolis, and Ed Whitehead, Jack Appel, and State Commissioner Kelse McClure and his son, also named Kelse. Auto dealer Tom Catterson is also a big Golden Gloves booster.

▲The fuel shortage has forced promoter Howard Ladin and matchmaker Fred Berns of the Hoosier Boxing Club to seek another venue for their pro cards, since the Indianapolis Tyndall Armory is currently closed. The HBC will continue to operate every six weeks in New Castle for the present, until another building in Indy is obtained to help keep busy the eight local pro scrappers.

▲Coach Thomas (Sarge) Johnson, who developed National amateur champs Norman Goins and Sammy NeSmith at the Atterbury Job Corps Center, is in the running to coach this year's team at the Pan American Games. Many feel Johnson, who at 19, became the youngest Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army for his heroics at Pearl Harbor, is a deserving and likely candidate to train the American Olympic team in 1976.

▲Hiawatha Gray, who trained Archie Moore throughout most of the Old Mongoose's illustrious career, is still active with Indianapolis amateurs at the age of 72. Gray and veteran Bill Brown have a fine team at Christamore House, and Hiawatha still hires out on occasion to work with a pro fighter anywhere in the world.

▲Colion (Champ) Chaney, former light heavyweight contender back in the '40s who numbered Archie Moore among his foes, is handling two gyms in Indianapolis, the PAL Club and St. Rita's. His pride and joy is Olympic Bronze Medalist Marvin Johnson, unbeaten in three pro starts. He also has former National AAU runnerup Tommy Prater coming along nicely.

▲Newest fight manager in the city is popular real estate broker Ron Melrose, who has a number of young pros under his wing, including welterweight Ruben Green.

ROD BOBICK WHIPS LEE IN MINNEAPOLIS TEN

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minn—Rod Bobick, 226, Bowlus, Minn., received tougher opposition than expected from Daniel Lee, 192, Louisville, Ky. in winning a hard fought ten round decision at the Convention Center before 1,273 fans paying a $5,600. gate.

Bobick got off to a fast start and in the second round floored Lee with a hard combination left and right. After that, Lee was able to stay out of trouble using a fine jab and good defense.

Lee's best round was the eighth when he dominated Bobick, sticking and moving. In the ninth round Bobick opened up and had Lee in trouble up to the final bell. Bobick's record is now 23-3-0, Lee a poor 4-5-1.

The eight-round semi-final proved to be a bad mismatch as welterweight Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis (8-2-0) floored John Fuller, St. Paul (0-2-0) twice in the second round, the last time down Fuller took the count. Fred Askew, Minneapolis (6-12-1) won a four round split decision over ancient Chico Gardner, Chicago (3-20-2) in a heavyweight bout. Light heavyweight Lou Grant, Moorhead, Minn. (3-5-2) outpointed Curt Yancy, Minneapolis (4-10-0) in four rounds. Scott Le Doux, Minneapolis (1-0-0) floored Arthur Pullens, Chicago (0-1-0), three times enroute to a third round knockout.

▲**Orlando**, Fla.—Glenn Morgan, 165, Richfield, Minn., knocked out Charley Fullard, 150½, Fernandina Beach, Fla. in the fourth round.

▲**Orlando**, Fla.—Glenn Morgan, Richfield, Minn., stopped Henry "Slick" Mitchell, Savannah, Ga. in the third round of a middleweight main event. Morgan, now 8-0, all knockouts, is working under veteran trainer Bill Gore.

▲**San Diego**, Calif.—Duane Bobick, 212½, Bowlus, Minn. knocked out Mandingo Lee Mandingo (Orville Qualls), 277, Perris, Calif. or Milwaukee in the second round. Mandingo-Qualls record stands at 12-7-1.

▲**Miami Beach**, Fla.—Duane Bobick, 213, Bowlus, Minn. stopped James Summerville, 247, Miami at 1:30 of the second round. Summerville is now 11-6-4, while Duane is 17-0-0, all knockouts.

▲The Twin Cities closed-circuit showing of the Ali-Frazier rematch drew 15,500 fans at three locations with a total gate of $118,114. At the first fight show, about 2,000 less fans showed, and $95,000 less was taken in at the gate.

▲Fred Jimenez, former St. Paul welter, now living in San Jose, Calif., is a trainer and coach at the Eastside Athletic Club in San Jose. Jimenez (13-8-1) plans on resuming his career this year.

▲Matt Baulie, Fond Du Lac, Wisc., manager, has put together a fine stable of fighters headed by light heavy Karl Zurheide. Matt also has middleweight Reynaldo Martinez, welterweight Billy Goodwin and jr. welter Tom Tarantino.

▲Milwaukee, Wisc.—Karl Zurheide, Milwaukee light heavyweight pulled out a ten round split decision over Gary Summerhays of Canada at the Eagles Club in a rematch of their draw of two months ago.

Just as in the earlier bout, the gods of the gallery, 935 strong booed the decision in Karl's favor. Summerhays employed a forcing style as he would flurry and then charge Zurheide pushing him into the ropes.

Zurheide, fighting a defensive fight, was able to block any damaging punches by Summerhays and in turn land the better punches of the fight. There were no knockdowns. The two judges scored the fight 97-95 and 97-96 for Zurheide, while the referee had it 97-94 for Summerhays.

In the main prelim, Johnny Summerhays, Canada scored a unanimous decision over much beaten Bobby Crawford of Chicago in a welterweight match.

Bruce Finch of Milwaukee chased Tom Tarantino of Milwaukee for six rounds to win the decision in a welterweight bout.

Heavyweight Larry Pennigar and light heavy Bob Edwards both of Milwaukee engaged in a exhibition bout.

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HOHO GETS OFF FLOOR ● TO STOP MAKHATHINI ●

By ED. CLARK.

CAPE TOWN—Sydney Hoho, middle weight champion retained his title, getting off the canvas twice in the process. Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini was forced to retire at the start of the 11th round at the Langa Stadium.

"Tap Tap" retired when the ring doctor declared him unfit to continue due to a badly cut left eye. Makhathini, from Natal was ahead by a long way when he walked into a vicious left cross which brought the blood pouring out. Hoho didn't let his man off the hook but stalked him relentlessly working on the cut eye till the closure. Makhathini had floored the champ in the second and fourth rounds. Hoho was saved by the bell after the second knockdown. Makhathini, the aggressor throughout had Hoho puzzled by his unorthodox style. A left hook put Hoho down first, then later a barrage of blows sent him down and he went to his corner on rubbery legs.

▲**CAPE TOWN**—After postponements due to rain and non-arrival of overseas fighters, the Springbok promotions tournament got under way at the Goodwood showgrounds before a crowd of 4,000 who saw a thrilling 10 round draw between Kokkie Olivier and Gerado Ferratt of Mexico. With straight lefts and rights to the head, the Mexican won the first four rounds. Then came a shocker in the fifth when Olivier floored Ferratt with a left hook to the head. He hit him with a right hook, then followed up smartly with the left and Ferratt was again down in the sixth from a peach of an uppercut. The leeway made up, Olivier found Ferratt fighting back, never giving an inch and Olivier at close quarters was more effective but Ferratt shone at long range.

After a hard fought eighth Olivier connected with a right cross in round nine and both boys kept at each other. The final round saw Ferratt tiring and Olivier won this round—but not the fight—as a draw was a fair verdict.

Mike Schutte's opponent, Arno Prick, failed to arrive in S. Africa and Dawie du Preez, 181, substituted. Schutte, 269 (yes, 88 pounds heavier) moved to the centre of the ring and circled du Preez. Du Preez shot a straight right thru Schutte's defence and the big man collapsed in a thud—he tried to rise but sank down again, and was counted out. Half a minute later on rubbery legs he asked trainer Alan Toweel "What happened?".

Coert Fourie T.K.O'd Cliff Manuel, 3, middleweights; Les Baker, 136½ T.K.O.'d Wally Brown, 135, in 2; Petrus Karsten decisioned Freddie Rust, 4, feathers. Morris Wainstein won seven of the eight rounds against Italian Lucio Vailati in a feather weight bout. Wainstein used both hands to the body and head and caused the Italian to miss as Wainstein slipped his punches. In the fourth, after rocking Vailati to the head with lefts, a cut appeared on Vailati's left eye via a left hook. Wainstein himself was rocked with a left hook in the fifth but recovered quickly.

▲**Ladysmith**—Maxwell Malinga, 145 retained his welter weight title, hammering challenger Cecil Kekane, 143½, who was counted out after he raised both hands in surrender by referee Jack Bryant after Kekane indicated he could take no more punishment. Malinga predicted a seventh round win and it was in that round the fight ended. From the first round, Malinga rained blows on Kekane who did manage to block many of them and score some on his own account. In the second, Malinga forged ahead, flooring the challenger three times with his powerful right uppercut. The third saw Kekane being kept on the ropes taking blows, then in the fourth, Kekane received a thrashing as well as in the sixth. Also in the sixth, Kekane was sent to the canvas. Malinga was warned by the referee for talking to Kekane. In the seventh, Kekane could take it no longer. Kekane was not a worthy challenger for the title. The fight was held at the Indian Sports Ground.

Anthony Sithole was given a hard shock and had to fight back hard to head off the attacks of inexperienced Siphiwe Bhengu, who carried the fight to Sithole but in the end faded and Sithole was the winner on a T.K.O. in the seventh.

Jacob Mpanza T.K.O.'d Joe Melibele, 4, bantams; Amon Nkbinda decisioned Robert Gumede, 4, middle-weights; Wally van der Haar outscored Bernard Zungu, 6, light-weights; Elliott Mhlongo outpointed Enoch Nkwayana, 4, lights.

▲**SPRINGS**—Norman Sekgapane retained his light weight title at the Kwa Thema Civic Centre, Springs hammering challenge Moses Mthembu to win on a T.K.O. in the 10th. round. Never has a fighter taken a merciless beating than did Mthembu. A swelling like a large egg glistened between his eyes and on his forehead and the left eye was half closed.

Dennis Mashego decisioned David Moyo, 6, feather weights; Petrus Mbele outscored William Mlambo, 6, feathers; Israel Khonkobe outpointed Thomas Mathibela, 6, bantams; Rolly Xipu decisioned Shole Mokoena, 6, light-weights.

▲**PRETORIA**—At the Badmington Hall, heavy weight champion Jimmy Richards had little trouble with Dawie du Preez. In the fourth round, du Preez was ruled out by the referee Stan Christodoulou for using his elbow. Du Preez started off with a series of rights and lefts in an attempt to K.O. Richards as du Preez had K.O.'d Mike Schutte recently but Richards had little difficulty in weathering the storm. Richards bobbed or parried the blows and was landing six blows to du Preez's one. Du Preez resorted to clinching and at one stage Richards hurled him thru the ropes. At long range it was Richards' left jab and at close quarters it was a right hook that saw Richards on the credit side. Richards was slightly cut above the left eye, the only mark in his title defence. Dirk van der Westhuizen won a close 12 rounds bout against Ronnie du Preez to win the vacant junior welter-weight title. Van der Westhuizen claimed that he had bruised his hand during the fight had du Preez shaken in the fifth and ninth but did not follow up to put away his man. Du Preez displayed fitness and good footwork but was content to counter-punch and leave the attacking to van der Westhuizen. It was in the last round that van der Westhuizen went all out and gained the decision. Gert Craemer decisioned Andre Nel, 6, welter weights; Japie Steyn outscored Chris du Plessis, 4, middle weights; Gerrie Bodenstein iced Andre Roos, 1, light heavy weights.

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POLISHED PERFORMANCE BY GRAY IN STOPPING GRANT

By FRANK ALLNUTT.

TORONTO—It took Clyde Gray, Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champion just 24 minutes to prove to Bunny Grant (Jamaica) that he is approaching the end of the road. In a 15-round Commonwealth title defense, Gray (147) dominated the fight from the initial bell. Grant (146¾) had nothing left at the end of eight rounds and his manager wisely called a halt to the one-sided contest.

At the end of the second round it was obvious that the sharp moving, crisp punching Gray had his opponent figured out. Fighting out of a crouch, Grant had his problems in avoiding the stinging left hand leads and left hooks of the champion who landed punches with deadly accuracy.

Applying the pressure at the start of the third round, Gray forced Grant to fight a retreating defensive battle one which the Jamaican fighter found hard to do at 33. Like the experience and seasoned pro he is, Grant's pride and courage kept him going. Gray never let up with his relentless and sometime furious attack. Hard hooks to the body of Grant took their toll and it was just a matter of time before he had to submit to defeat.

In the sixth round, a precision left lead, followed by a stinging right hand landed by Gray sent Grant to the canvas. After the eight count, he was still dazed and wobbly. Trapped in a corner, Grant called on all his experience to try and fight his way out of trouble. For a full 60 seconds until the bell sounded to end the round, both fighters traded punches to the delight of the fans. That flurry was all that Grant had left. It was, according to the handlers of Grant, the first time their fighter had been knocked off his feet in his pro career.

A frustrated, tired and weary Grant answered the bell for the seventh round. Gray was right back again, jabbing, hooking, attacking to the head then to the body, fighting a full three minutes non-stop. It was a big round for the champion. Grant had no answer for his opponent, absorbing terrific punishment during the round.

It was only courage that enabled Grant to remain for round eight. Not being a hard puncher, he had no hope of turning the tide of the fight. Again, at the end of the round, he found himself on the receiving end of the wicked punching of Gray, who knew that victory was in his grasp. At the bell to end the round, Grant was through for the night and signalled to his handlers to call a halt to the hostilities. After a talk with referee Sammy Luftspring, who in turn, requested the presence of the Commission doctor, the one-sided bout was wisely halted.

The semi-final middleweight bout over eight rounds suddenly came to an abrupt end when Gary Broughton (Brantford) 156 unloaded a bomb on the chin of Roy McMillan (Toronto) 160 at 2:33 of the fourth round.

In another pair of eights, Terry Summerhays (Brantford) 148, won a unanimous decision over Ray Rose (Montreal), 147½, in a dull bout. Dennis Cochrane, formerly from Nova Scotia but now fighting out of Toronto at 153½, had a big edge in weight over Roy Goss (Jamaica), whose weight was given as 147. After a good action scrap in which Cochrane was decked in the second round, the decision of a draw given as the official verdict did not go over too well with the 5,000 odd fans in attendance.

Over six rounds, Joe Henry (Toronto), 159½, had too much going for Dave Vent (Toronto), 162. Despite all the illegal tactics which Vent tried to pull, the sharp, short crisp punches of Henry paid off. Bleeding from the nose and a badly cut left eye, the bout was halted at 1:53 of the third round when Vent signalled he had had enough.

SANCHEZ SPLIT NOD ● WINNER OVER MEDRANO ●

By JERRY TODD

HOUSTON—Tony Sanchez won a highly disputed split decision over Alfredo Medrano. There was a full 3 min. of action in every round, with Sanchez starting fast, and Medrano coming on in the closing rounds.

In the semi-main, Fred Rocha from Monterey, Mexico made his American debut a short one. It only took Melvin Johnson 42 seconds to drop him twice and out. In his next appearance Melvin will fight a 12 round fight for the Texas flyweight title.

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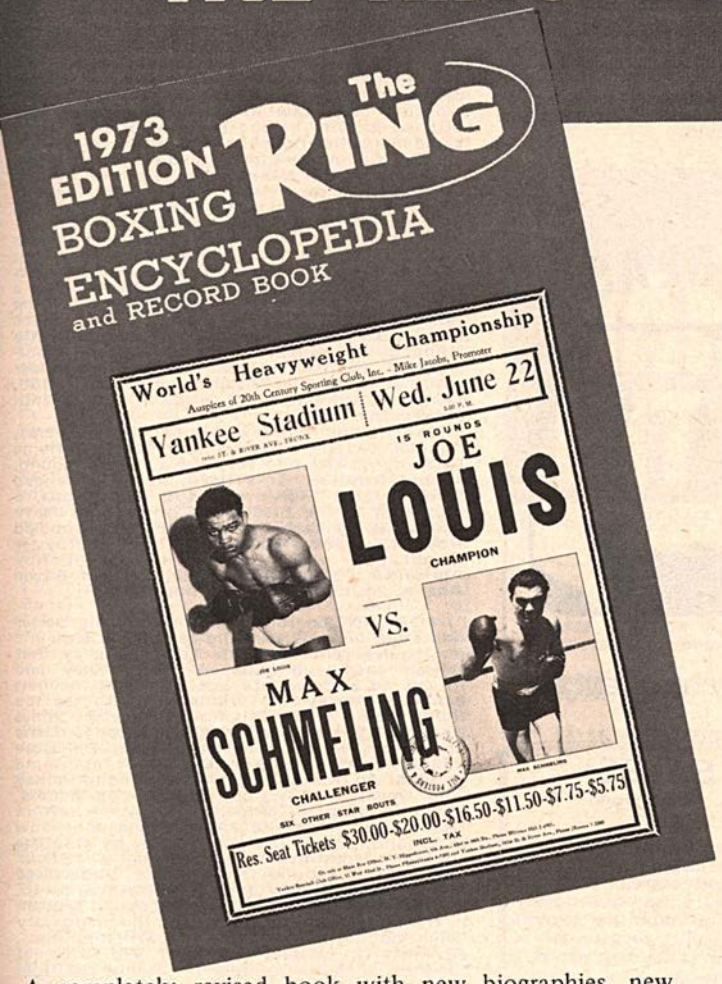

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VACA RETAINS MEXICAN WELTERWEIGHT CROWN

By EDUARDO AMER G.

MEXICO, D.F.—Felipe Vaca, 145, won by a decision over Ruben Vazquez, 141, in 12 rounds and retained his Mexican welterweight title. "Rielero" Rodriguez, 133, embalmed Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 134, in six. Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 140, bested Jose Duarte, 141, in eight.

▲**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Danny Lopez, 125, of California, TKO'd Memo Rodriguez, 124, in the tenth and last round. Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 117, whipped Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 116, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD DELICIAS, CHIHUAHUA**—Rene "Mochila" Morgan, 129, upset Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 131, in ten, but the veredict was for Vega. Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 129, technically stopped Jose Vazquez, 130, in two rounds. Mike Estrada, 113, tko'd David Mardrid, 115, in seven. Erasmo Flores, 112, defeated Paco Iracheta, 112, in ten. Jose Figueroa, 146, knocked out Ignacio "Oso" Sanchez, 145, in eight.

▲**MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Manuel Fierro, 158, beat Lonnie Harris, 160, of USA, in ten. Martin Corona, 117, decisioned Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 116, in ten. Julio Leal, 122, gained Al Torres, 120, in ten.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Salvador Martinez Carrillo (Guero Papero), 125, won over Margarito "Magallo" Lozada, 119, in ten. Rosendo Ruvalcaba, 146, demolished Ramon Felix, 145, in two.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Antonio Leon, 117, tko'd Juan Ramon "Chilango" Perez, 117, in six. Aureliano Castillo, 112, tko'd Pino Pinolillo, 112, in four. Roberto Valenzuela, 112, decisioned Jose Curiel, 111, in 8.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Roberto Alvarez, 113, and "Topo Gigio" Vazquez, 112, drew in ten.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Lupe Hernandez, 116, tko'd Catalino Flores, 113, of Philippines, in five. Alejandro Perez, 124, defeated Jose Pozos, 126, in ten. Pafael "Bazooka" Limon, 124, technically stopped Armando Estevez, 124, in three. Fili Moreno, 126, decisioned Lupe Hernandez, 127, in 6.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—"Cachorro" Arroyo, 113, won from "Oso" Vazquez, 112, in ten. Humberto Alcala, 124, kayoed Pablo Rodriguez, 124, in six.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 113, polished off Enrique Torres, 112, in only two rounds. Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, technically stopped Francisco "Papero" Rodriguez, 111, in four. Manuel Abedoy, 119, put Leonardo Bermudez, 121, to sleep in the very first round.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Pedro Martinez, 117, won by a disqualification from Rene Navarrete, 117, in four. Alfonso Aguilar, 116, tko'd Jose Aragon, 117, in 4. Isidoro Salinas, 124, lost to Jesus Hernandez, 124, in eight. Jose Flores, 115, tko'd Jesus Mancilla, 115, in the opening roll. Fidel Trejo, 118, decisioned Jaime Martinez, 117, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Pedro Jimenez, 124, demolished Joel Sepulveda, 124, in three. Jose Luis Alcala, 134, technically stopped Guadalupe Delgadillo, 135, in four

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON**—Carlos Martinez, 118, halted Salvador Sanchez, 118, in eight.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Leoncio Ortiz, 134, won by a disqualification over Pergentino "Flash" Gallego, 133, of Philippines, in the sixth round. Hard hitting Carlos Mimila, 126, tko'd Memo Cruz, 126, in 3.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA**—Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, technically kayoed Gustavo Rocha, 112, in four. David Garcia, 121, tko'd Carlos Flores, 119, in 3.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Carlos Zarate, 118, whipped Victor Ramirez, 118, in ten. Luis Torres, 112, tko'd Omar Quiroz, 112, in seven.

▲**MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS**—Jose Luis Lopez, 112, gained Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, in ten. Arturo Delgado, 111, demolished Ernesto Ruiz, 111, in four.

▲**AGUA PRIETA, SONORA**—Jesus Padilla (Cassius Kid), 135, outpointed Javier Ayala, 135, in ten rounds.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.**—Jose Murillo Medel, 118, technically stopped Memo Ramirez, 117, in tenth and last round.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Juan Jose Guzman, 112, outscored Abundio Cortes, 112, in ten. Francisco Javier Nunez, 123, decisioned Jose Gallegos, 124, in ten.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Juan Zarate, 112, won by a disqualification from Venancio Carvente, 112, in six rounds.

TONY LICATA FLYING HIGH

By TOM EPHREM

TAMPA—Tony Licata passed the acid test with flying colors. He whipped former welterweight and middleweight champion Emile Griffith at Boston in a 12-rounder that also gained for Tony the North American middleweight title.

Working in Tony's corner was Willie Pep, twice ruler of the featherweights and in his time managed and trained by the same men who have Licata, namely Lou Viscusi and Bill Gore, respectively. Pep believes Tony has an excellent chance of becoming top man in the 160-pound division. Should the time come that Tony wins the title he would be the third man born in the South to have achieved this goal. The two who have accomplished the feat are Tiger Flowers, of Camille, Georgia and Gorilla Jones, of Memphis, Tennessee.

▲**ORLANDO**—What promoter Pete Ashlock wants, matchmaker Malcolm Tait gets. In this case, a worthy main event. Tait came up with a return involving light heavyweight Walter "The Snake" White, of Tampa, and muscular, hard-hitting Bobby Lloyd, of Miami and Nassau. What a fight! It was non-stop all the way, rivaling the Mike Quarry-Andy Kendall second go. Ten blistering rounds they fought to a draw. Lloyd, exceptionally fast with his hands and combining a short, left hook with a deadly short right to the head, almost had a kayo in the second when he knocked White down. But White is as game as he is good. He came up at eight and went after Lloyd, shooting good left hooks to the body and ribs and that's how he fought Bobby just about every round. He connected with a punch in the eighth round that shook Bobby's knees but Lloyd came out of it. Lloyd's showing was excellent. He should be up there with the leading contenders. He's a fighter to watch. As for White, he is not disgraced by any means. The customers and the working press saw a tremendous battle and pitched in with a long ovation for both. Both came in a little above the light heavy limit.

On the White-Lloyd undercard, a bright newcomer, from Minneapolis, Glenn Morgan, a look-alike for movie star Kirk Douglas, kept his win record intact by stopping a game, outclassed Charley (Baby) Fullard, of Jacksonville in the fourth round. Fullard's shiftiness kept him out of harm's way for awhile but Morgan eventually reached him with hard shots from both hands. Taller and heavier, cool as a cucumber, Morgan found the range in the fourth and, after Charley hit the deck, Referee Mike Quarry, who did a good job, correctly stopped it. Fullard was outreached, outweighed, outmanned but certainly a scrapper while in there. The weights were 165 to 150, favor of Morgan, who made it his seventh consecutive kayo.

In a junior middleweight tangle, Vic Perez, popular to the extreme here, stopped Irving Gifford, of Orlando in sixth and final round. Junior Royster, of Nassau, at 171, handed "Irish" Mike McKinney, 175, of Tampa, a knockout in the first round after some heavy exchanges by each fighter. McKinney wobbled Royster's legs with head punches and Royster fought back with some of his own. LeRoy Alexander, of Orlando, 222, TKOed Bowie Adams, 242½, of Ocala, in round two.

▲**ORLANDO**—It wasn't one of his better fights but John Pinney did get the decision in a ten round rematch with Teddy Murray that settled the issue between them. They had fought to a draw late last year and the fans believed Murray the winner only to see the fight ruled a draw. This time Pinney set things straight by going after Murray to gain the unanimous verdict. The Lou Viscusi-Bill Gore middleweight remains undefeated. A first round knockdown over Murray was credited to Pinney who weighed 163½, and is from Springfield, Missouri, and Tampa. Murray is from Melbourne. Glenn Morgan, of Minneapolis, now of Orlando, made it eight-in-a-row by stopping another Jacksonville boxer, Henry "Slick" Mitchell, in round three. The undefeated Morgan had Mitchell down twice in that canto. But Mitchell, who can punch, dropped Morgan in the same round. After taking the mandatory "eight-count", Glenn settled down to business. Al Moss of Nassau, won over Vic Perez, of Sanford, in a six rounder by a split decision. Lou Viscusi's Tampa lightweight, Hector McBride, couldn't resist the call of the ring and made his latest appearance successful, looking good in taking a six-round decision rather easily over the shopworn, yet likable Jerry Powers, of Miami. McBride, a talented youngster in the Viscusi-Gore household, is a welcome addition to Southern boxing. His style is similar to ranking stablemate Tony Licata.

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CURTO WINS 16th VICTORY IN ROW

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Florida—In gaining his 16th consecutive victory, Vinnie Curto, 171½, Boston, showed some human weaknesses heretofore remaining in abeyance. Winning the ten round feature event at the Miami Beach Auditorium in unanimous fashion over "Baby-Boy" Rolle, 178½, Nassau, Vinnie turned in a lethargic performance as his opponent skillfully connected with a right uppercut on successive occasions.

Rolle, light heavyweight champion of the Bahamas, with a recent 15-round challenge against John Conteh for the British Empire title and a three week session at Deer Park with Muhammad Ali, was in superior condition. While generally outpunching his opponent, Curto concentrated on the body to slow Rolle down in the latter rounds. The usually clever Curto, who is rarely hit with a right hand, caught more rights from Rolle than in any previous battle thus far. Vinnie incurred a cut on the bridge of his nose which needed repairing by the ringside physician. The Mendoza Group, the sponsoring organization which guides Curto, feel its protege passed another important test.

In another ten rounder, Ernie Burns, 161, Miami, former port-sider turned around, was on the winning track in the early rounds but Jimmy Williams, 165½, former State middleweight titlist, picked up steam to stop Burns in round nine on a TKO.

In a most auspicious debut as a professional, Jimmy Scott, 178, Newark, New Jersey, captured a unanimous 6-round decision over John L. Johnson, 195, a bright prospect previously undefeated in 8 consecutive outings. For his sensational performance, Scott received a standing ovation. For those who recall the style of Jack Dempsey, the newcomer bobbed and weaved and threw left hooks reminiscent of the Manassa Mauler. The powerful Scott is the newest addition to the Mendoza Group which sponsors new talent.

In another sixer, Paul Collette, 136, Montreal, adorned in a long fur trimmed robe as he entered the ring, pounded out a decision verdict over Mariano Gomez, 139, Tampa, for his second straight victory in local rings.

In a scheduled sixer, Eladio Leal (The Cuban Kid) 127½, Miami, beat Herbert Lee, 129, Miami, on a third round disqualification. 2175 fans showed up for the Chris Dundee promotion at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

▲**Miami Beach,**—Aided and abetted by his pretty wife and corner aide, Tommy Von Hatten, 155, Houston, became the 42nd straight victim of the accurate fists of Elisha Obed, 151½, Nassau, Bahamas, welterweight champion. Obed found the range early in round one and by the second stanza had Von Hatten on the deck twice, prompting referee Cy Gottfried to halt the action. Von Hatten, former Texas Golden Glove champion, proved a willing worker but provided little competition for the respectable talents of Obed. Elisha's amazing assortment of guns were fired with accuracy but the soothing qualities of wife Pam brought Tommy back to normal quickly. Elisha Obed is under the management of Mike Dundee and trained by popular Moe Fliescher.

In a scheduled ten rounder, Tony Green, 170, Miami, fast rising younster, stopped Ronnie Wright, 179, Texas, stablemate of Tommy Von Hatten, in the eighth round on a TKO. It took a few rounds for Tony to cope with the rushing qualities of Wright's attack, then opened up on his Texas opponent with good combinations.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Marcel Clay, 165, Opa-Locka, scored a fourth round TKO defeat over Henry (Slick) Mitchell, 161, Jacksonville.

In a scheduled sixer, newcomer Paul Collette, 136, Montreal, gave a surprise performance in posting a fourth round TKO victory over Jerry Powers, 130, Miami.

In a three-round amateur bout, both participants of the Miami Beach PAL under the guidance of Seargent Dick Tobin and trained by Jackie Grover, Gary Hart and Danny Barone, 110 pound class, fought to an exciting draw.

▲**Miami Beach**—Former U. S. Olympic team representative Duane Bobick, of Bowlus, Minnesota, came to town with trainers George "Chickie" Ferrara and Murphy Griffith and exhibited his wares before a large Miami Beach Auditorium audience. At 213, Duane gave away 35 pounds to the 248-pound James Summerville, a tough hombre who gave many good performances here in the past. Summerville had Jimmy Ellis in his corner but could not evade the stiff right hand of Bobick who showed an aggressive style behind an effective left jab.

At the opening bell, Summerville came out fast and hit Bobick with a short left hook and chopping right hand but the one-time Navy champ kept his cool and responded with a steady left jab until he found openings for his own right hand which was delivered straight as an arrow. The blows were damaging to big James, cutting his lip, under the left eye and over the right eyelid. By round two, Summerville was in no condition to continue. Referee Eddie Eckert gave Summerville a standing eight-count and allowed the fight to continue midway in the second round but, after another assault by Bobick, Eckert wisely stopped the action.

In the semi-final eight rounder, sensational Jimmy Scott, 178, Newark, connected with enough left hooks to deck Hydra Lacey, 207, Melbourne, in round three for the full count. It was Scott's second straight victory in this arena with his flair for the wide open attack generally keeping ringsiders on the edge of their seats.

In another 8-round battle, Lee Royster, 172½, Fort Lauderdale, scored a surprising points victory over promising Tony Greene, 172, Miami, who obviously was not in his usual form. In a third 8 rounder, Paul Collette, 136, Montreal, outpunched Henry Thomas, 139½, Miami, in a bout well received by the fans.

▲**Coconut Grove, Florida**—In an important team match-up, the New York City Spanish Golden Glove team toppled the City of Miami boxers by a score of 3-2 at the City of Miami Arena in Coconut Grove. The team and individual matches resulted as follows:

Boosting his record to 39-4, Ritchie Lee Roberts, 132, Miami, decisioned Julio Paneto, 133, New York.

Another Miami star, Juan Hidalgo, upped his amateur record to 33-3, by upsetting the U. S. No. 3 ranked Roberto Alexander in a lightweight battle.

John Turner, 144, New York, surprised with a knockout over the usually sturdy Sammy Masias, 145, Miami, in the second round. Sammy's record dropped to 40-6-0. Jose Figueroa, 120, New York, duked Johnny Dixon, 120, Miami. Luis Resto, 144, New York, outpointed Mike Emerton, 148, Miami. In individual matches making up the balance of the card, Joe Dominguez, 115, decisioned James Rolle, 117. Johnny Brown, 107, won on points over Donald Skinner, 103. Sammy Chapman, 120, took a verdict on points over Victor Nieves, 122. Jerome Baker, 120, captured the judges vote over Jimmy Elliot, 120. During a gas-starved week, the show produced by Promoter Dick Lee attracted 1,250 spectators, attesting to the popularity of amateur boxing in Coconut Grove.

SAENZ, ADAMS, REDFORD BALTIMORE WINNERS

By JOE POODLES, SR.

BALTIMORE—Eli Hanover's Sports Activities club featured three eight-rounders at the Steelworkers Hall recently. Leo "Kid" Saenz, 156, Baltimore's undefeated youngster, continued his winning ways by unanimously decisioning Dave Dittmar, 160, of Philadelphia in a rematch. Dittmar gave Saenz a much closer fight the first time out than in this return bout. Saenz pressed the fight throughout while Dittmar chose to backpeddle and on occasions sneak in a punch. Saenz looks more like a boxer than the onrushing slugger of past fights.

Iron Jim Adams, 186, of Cleveland repeated in a TKO win over Wild Bill Hardney, 183½, of Washington, D.C. Their first shindig went into the third round before the ref put a stop to the action due to Wild Bill having his eye cut. In this repeat, Adams went right to work and kept tossing bombs that busted both Hardney's eyes in 50 seconds of the first round when the referee called in a doctor to determine if the damage inflicted was enough to end the carnage. It was and the physicians had to close the cuts with 20 stitches.

Panama Jim Redford, 160, of New York City and Bruce Cantrell, 160, of Spartansburg, S.C. fought a "war" in the third eight with Redford squeaking through with a split decision. The fans gave both of these lads a standing ovation at the end of the festivities. Cantrell wound up with a cut on his forehead midway of the bout but that didn't stop his onward offense.

Victor Checo, 141, of New York City, looked very good in his four-round win over Avon Little, 140, of Washington, D.C. Avon tried to pull it out in the last round only to come up a 'little' short.

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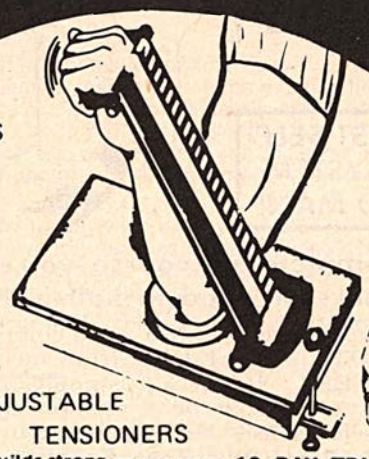

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BOGS WINS THREE IN DENMARK

By CARL NYHOLM

Promoter Mogens Palle continues to play one card after another. Following the recent defeat of Jorgen Hansen at the hands of Bruno Arcari, the Copenhagen impresario drew a full house with Tom Bogs versus Eddie "Bossman" Jones. Bogs was already signed up to tangle shortly with John Conteh for European honors, over in England.

In truth, the Bogs-Jones match was marred by a great deal of clinching and positional moves; with top-rated men there are risks to be considered. The American rarely emerged from his close defence, though in the final round he exploded a hook to Bogs' chin which caused the Dane to buckle at the knees for a second. A close but clear win which drew applause from the 3,500 crowd at the KB Hall.

Ken Buchanan, latest acquisition of Promoter Palle, made his first appearance an impressive one. Miguel Araujo of Brazil was flattened in 90 seconds of the opening round. A right hook decked the Brazilian at first exchange of blows; Araujo gamely returned to the attack and stopped another Buchanan righthander which floored him for the full count. In two curtain-raisers, middleweight Paul Knudsen belted out veteran German Werner Mundt in 3 rounds and light middle Lauritz Jensen clearly outscored the defensive Italian Lorenzo Nardillo in six rounds.

Erkki Meronen, looked on as successor to Elis Ask and other formidable Finns of the past, came unstuck against Pat McCormack of Ireland. After 25 bouts without defeat, Meronen was supremely confident and for two rounds landed almost at will. McCormack, a familiar visitor to the Copenhagen ring, was no whit disturbed and continued to stage his two-fisted attacks. Round four and Meronen suddenly sagged to the canvas after exchanging a flurry of punches; he arose after a brief count, fought on dazedly until a further series of hooks from the fit, exhuberant Irishman sent him floorwards for the final toll.

RANDERS, Denmark—For his 80th pro bout, Tom Bogs was guest of honor at a show arranged in his hometown. Promoter again was Mogens Palle, who created another financial success with a 4000 attendance. Fistically the bouts promised well but performances were not exceptional. Bogs with his 80 bouts is credited as a national record-holder in this line though Hans Holdt clocked in with 180 and Fighting Dick Nelson, Chic Nelson and other old-timers achieved more than a century with hard bandages.

Bogs had a light workout with the durable Italian Mario Almanzo, a former sparmate who refused to bite the dust despite the fusillade of blows sent in his direction. Jorgen Hansen had the benefit of a doubtful verdict over Pietro Ceru, who repeatedly nabbed the Danish welter contender with counter-punches.

All the opposition was in fact provided by Italians. Local light middle, Lauritz Jensen, another prospect, won by a fair margin over Carmine Mattino in six rounds and Poul Knudsen edged out a close one over Roberto Bisotti in a middleweight clash. This was the best bout on the card. Tom Jensen, light heavy, returned to the scene, halting Dino Tarocco in four, a one-sided victory for the Dane. Sveinn-Erik Paulsen, smart Norwegian feathers contender, outboxed Ugo Poli in a fast-moving contest.

▲**COPENHAGEN**—Tom Bogs had a final warm-up bout prior to his forthcoming battle with John Conteh. The Dane gave a melancholy performance and critics prophesized quick defeat against the European champ. Eddie "Red Top" Owens was an even match for Bogs, who started off at a cracking pace but already in the second round slowed down to more moderate style. There was a deal of clinching, in the fifth a clash of heads brought the blood flowing and Owens was ruled out. Jorgen Hansen won a narrow though well-earned decision over England's ligh welter leader, Des Morrison, who was sent crashing to the boards during the fifth from Hansen's right hook. Erkki Meronen was another who made a comeback in no mean style, stopping Ki Vhan Min in six. The Korean lightie was helpless at this stage.

Buchanan remained the star attraction of the KB Hall show. His rival this time was a game Puerto Rican named Jose Peterson who refused to give up trying and was still throwing punches at the final bell. The canny Scot played frequently to the gallery and missed several chances of at least flooring his adversary. Buchanan won in ten. Tom Jensen, already considered a veteran, was given a present when his opponent, Argentine middleweight Alex Cardoso, tumbled to the floor in round two and the ref stopped the bout. Rattled by this, Cardoso walked around thumping his own chin to demonstrate his fitness to continue. Lauritz Jensen won clearly from Italian Giampaolo Piras in a feathers six and Poul Knudsen, claimed as future middles contender, belted out Haci Dermibas of Turkey, who was unable offer much resistance to the Dane.

MUNDINE DEMOLISHES FIERRO

By RAY MITCHELL

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA—Tony Mundine, 161, was only in second gear in demolishing Mexican Manuel Fierro, 161½, in six rounds at Brisbane Festival Hall. With a fight coming up with Bennie Briscoe in Paris 14 days later, Tony did not want to end the Fierro fight too early.

Even so, the Mexican was not in the hunt at any time. He did land a few left hooks but his rights were thrown wildly and Mundine had no trouble in making them miss. With enough points in hand at the end of the fifth round to outfit a porcupine, Tony came out of a neutral corner mid-way through the sixth, sounded out with a left, followed quickly with a long right and Fierro went down full length. The Mexican heard the count—or most of it—but was leaning on an elbow when referee Des Crabbe called out. A capacity house of some 5,500 witnessed the warm-up.

▲Australia's first boxing promotion of 1974 was at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford (Sydney suburb) on Jan. 9. In the main Shane Patrick, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing Pierin Mingon, 148, but the contest was hardly fought all the way. In the semi-wind-up, Tony Thomas, 166, outpointed Bronco Hourigan, 169, in another hard fight but again the verdict was clear-cut.

▲At Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale (Sydney seaside suburb,) Sam Ngata, 176, made heavy work of outpointing Bronco Hourigan, 175, in the main-event eight.

▲Binky Rominski, 138, found Wayne Cullen, 142, too big and too smart in their main go at the Juniors. Cullen, a fast boxer, won by a large points margin. Interesting bout.

▲One week later at the same venue, New South Wales State lightweight champion Danny Agnew, 140, had too much speed and variety for Steve Chester, 140, and won every round. Agnew was in second gear all the way.

▲Western Australian Boxing Promotions opened its 1974 season at Mandurah, with Baby Cassius Austin, 142, successfully defending his W.A. State welter title against Eugene Eades, 143. Austin won on points over ten rounds, outboxing the aggressive Eades who did manage to win three rounds.

▲Veteran Dennis Bell, 139, rode out some hectic moments to edge eager youngster Jade Emerald, 138, in the main at South Sydney Juniors.

▲One week later, same venue, Billy Mulholland, 126, outpointed Harry Fitzpatrick, 128, in a beautiful contest. Mulholland found it not as easy as some people thought it would be, and had to mingle long-range boxing with his usual aggression to gain the edge and keep it over the last half.

▲Binky Rominski, 138, stepped out of his depth at the 1974 season re-opening at Melbourne Festival Hall. Party of the other part was Billy O'Connor, 139, who was making a return to action after a lay off of just over 18 months. Referee Terry Reilly called a halt in the seventh round with Binky floundering and having no place to go. There was too much pressure on Rominski. A good club fighter, he was having his first bout on TV, and he did not relax at any stage. He would have done better against O'Connor in a non-TV club, but he still would not have won. Rominski's TV debut should have been against somebody not as classy as O'Connor.

▲Former Olympian Dennis Talbot, 116, hit too hard and was far too good for trial horse Steve Walker, 117, in their meet at Riverwood Legion Club. In this battle of southpaws, Walker was down three times, twice in the second, once in the fourth. Steve was floundering in that fourth frame when referee George Barnes rescued him.

▲Tongan Eli Fanua, 168¼, who came here looking for fights six months ago, reversed a previous loss to Ted Gray, 165¾, by outpointing Ted over ten at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray.

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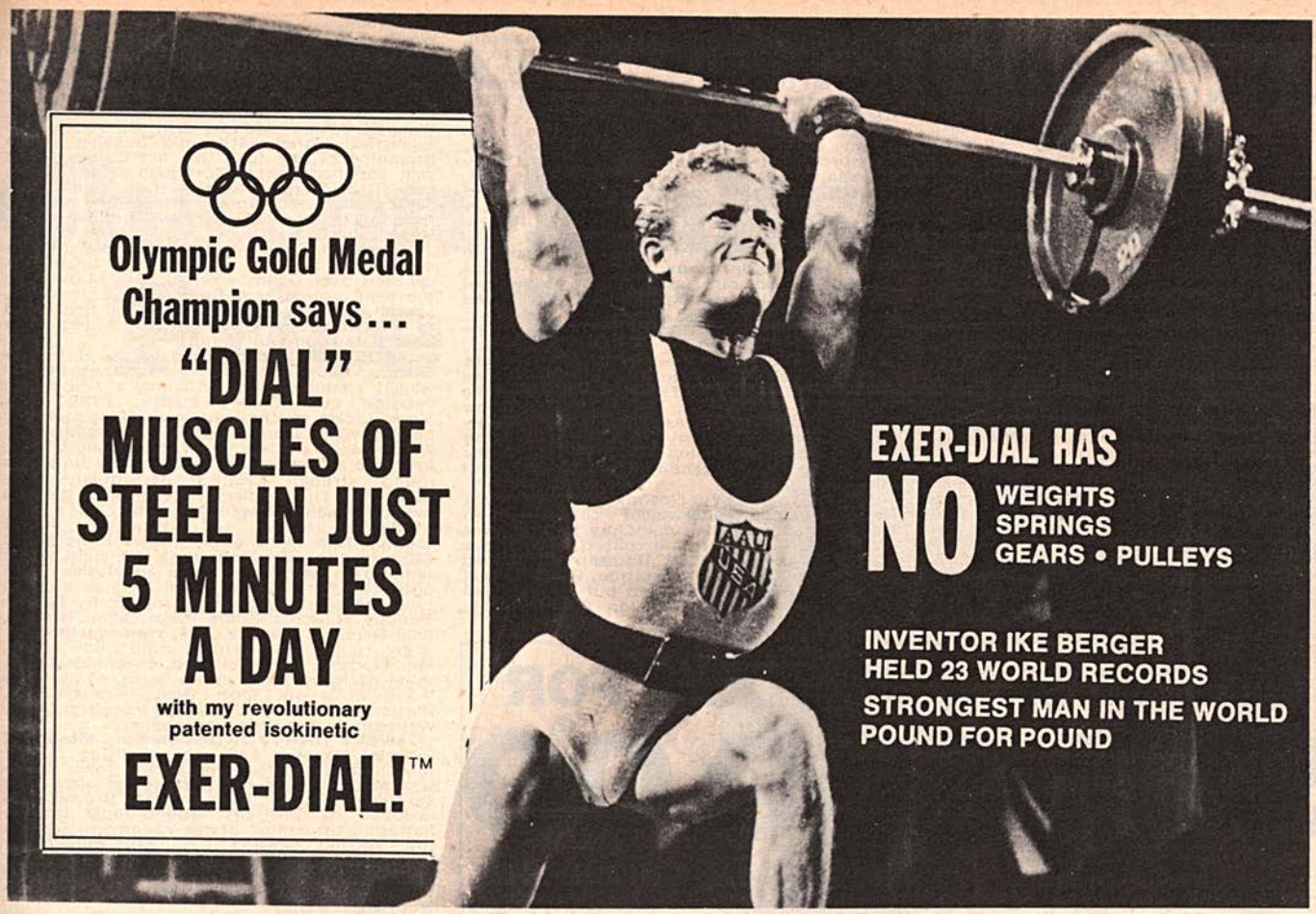

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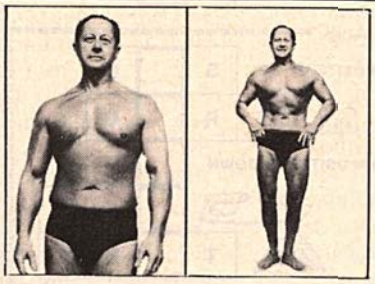

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LICATA TAKES U.S. MIDDLE CROWN FROM GRIFFITH

By DON HAMILL

Following a slow start after the first of the year, things finally got moving and a number of good shows were held, notably the North American middleweight championship fight between Tony Licata and Emile Griffith in Boston Garden. As is reported further in this column. Licata captured the crown from the aging Griffith by a clear cut unanimous decision.

▲**PORTLAND** Exposition Building—Mike Baker, 155, presently living in Portland, romped to a unanimous ten round decision over Reinaldo Oliviera, 160, West Wareham, Mass. Baker, a good boxer, used his height and reach to advantage as he racked up points over his slower opponent. The building was frigid bringing discomfort to the small gathering.

In the only pro bout, Danny Fryman, 130, Lowell, handed Charley Kittredge, 125, Portland, his first loss in 7 fights. Kittredge was on the floor four times, the final time from a hard left hook to the body. Five amateur bouts opened the show.

▲**WATERBURY** Armory—Kevin Pentalow, 187, New Britain, handed a one-sided pasting to Greg Oseweiki, 197, Waterbury, in an eight rounder that temporarily upset the plans of promoters Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton. Pentalow was the aggressor and scored repeatedly with a hard left hook, which he rattled off Oseweiki's head. The latter suffered a cut in the final heat and put on a last ditch stand but it came too late.

Bob Guttridge, 144, Somers, won a six round decision over Jose Carabello, 144, Hartford, in a good action semi-final. Danny Fryman, 132, Lowell, edged Dan Daniels, 131, Newark, in six rounds, when his hard punching offset Daniels' sharpness. Hector Garcia, 169, New York, battered Peachy Davis, 167, Somers, into submission in a slugfest that saw both hurt. The end came in round two. Jessie Lewis, 155, Somers, won a roundly booed but just decision over Paul Osborne, 154, Lowell, in the six round opener.

▲**BOSTON**—Walter Brown Skating Rink—Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, retained his New England junior welterweight title, by an extremely close decision over Beau Jaynes, 141, Lowell. The bout, one of the best seen in Boston, if not all of New England, in many a year, in a bout that saw both taking turns carrying the fight to the other. It was a bristling slugfest that had the fans giving them a standing ovation for several minutes.

Chris Pina, 157, Norfolk, edged former New England welterweight champion. Al Romano, 152, North Adams, by the slimmest of margins in a ten round contest. There were many who believed that Romano had earned the decision. In the final session, Pina suffered a severe cut on his forehead but was allowed to finish the scrap. Reinaldo Oliviera. 161, West Wareham, won handily over an ill-conditioned Hector Ortiz, 170, Hartford, in a six spot.

▲**WORCESTER** Memorial Auditorium—Bob Benoit, 176, from nearby Oakham, was impressive stopping Chico Santos, 175, Waterbury, six rounds. Santos, strong and aggressive scored with solid punches at the beginning of the first two heats. Bob boxed well and had Santos hurt in both the fourth and fifth rounds. In the sixth round with Santos unable to protect himself and bleeding from a cut under his left eye Referee Walter Byars called a halt.

Jose Carlos Garcia, 141, Norfolk, used his experience to gain a close but unanimous decision over Danny Fryman, 140, Lowell, in the eight round semi-final. Juan Colon, 145, Lowell, used up 25 seconds of the first round to knockout Jose Oliverra, 146, Waterbury, a bout slated for four rounds.

▲**BOSTON Garden**—Tony Licata, 160, New Orleans, won the North American middleweight championship by taking a well earned decision over Emile Griffith, 158½, New York. Licata set the pace in the first round by boxing well, scoring with fast combinations, and an accurate left jab. The amazing Griffith kept the action close. He frequently finished a round strong. Licata's performance was masterful. The battlers were given a standing ovation which was well deserved.

Marvin Hägler, 161, Brockton, halted veteran Bob Herrington, 162½, Long Island City, in the fifth round of the eight round semi-final. Herrington made an elusive target until the fifth round when he was dropped twice before the bout was stopped by Referee Tommy Rawson. Eddie Parks, 158, Paterson, held Reinaldo Oliveira, 158, West Wareham, to a six round draw with a solid body attack. Phil Hudson, 128, Portland, eked out a close split decision over Jose Resto, 130, New York, in a six spot. Ricky Craney, 138, Portland, outhustled Donny Sennett, 141, Waltham, in the six round opener.

▲**WEST HARTFORD—Columbia Music Hall**—Arnie Brower, 176, now fighting out of Manchester, had to come back a long way to win by a TKO in the third round over Serge Rodriguez, 187, New York. Brower was dropped in the first round and took a battering thru most of the round and again in the second session. A left hook sent Rodriguez tumbling to the canvas. Brower pounded Rodriguez into helplessness and veteran Referee Billy Raylor came to Rodriguez' rescue.

Jose Casado, 178, New York, toyed with a ill-conditioned Hector Ortiz, 173, Hartford, in the six round semi-windup, Paul Osborne, 155, Lowell, and Jerry Tramontano, 158, White Plains, slugged it out for six rounds and ended up all even. Eddie Parks, 155, Paterson, battered Raphael Correa, 157, now of Hartford, so that he had to quit at the end of the third session. Dana McCarthy, 173¾, Bristol, knocked out Jimmy Moore, 168½, New Britain, in the first round of a four rounder. Cocoa Kid, 162, Springfield, came off the floor in the first round to whip Sonny Asanni, 162, Naugatuck, in the four round curtain raiser.

▲New England Golden Glove official, Bill Downing of Lynn, died recently.... As this goes to press, the Connelly brothers, Jim and Bill, and starting promotions in Boston as friendly competition with Sam Silverman.... Golden Glovers from Burlington, Holyoke, Fall River, and Lowell meet in the latter city for the championships that will bring the winners to the National Golden Glove.... Massachusetts State Trooper applicants are Cliff McDonald, South Boston heavyweight, and Bob Benoit, now a member of the Oakham Police Dept.... Another police officer recently appointed is Nunzio Previti, Randolph, who made a comeback as Billy Wallace.

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BOBICK SCORES 18th STRAIGHT KO VICTORY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—A crushing volley of uppercuts sent Jimmy Cross to the canvas four times and enabled unbeaten Denver heavyweight Duane Bobick to record his 18th consecutive knockout victory here recently.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound Bobick sent his Memphis opponent to the canvas once in the second frame and three times in the third for an automatic technical knockout victory at 10:51.

Cross came out charging in the first round, but Bobick calmly stood back and penetrated his defense with a multitude of uppercuts. Cross began fading in the second round and, with seconds remaining, Bobick caught him with a vicious uppercut that dumped him to the canvas.

Chacon Halts Ramos; Price Streak Ends

By DON FRASER

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Bobby Chacon, highly-ranked featherweight of Los Angeles, had little trouble in adding Jorge Ramos of Mexico to his list of victims. Chacon, 128, was awarded a fifth-round knockout win over his opponent after Ramos injured his shoulder when falling from a knockdown punch.

Chacon nailed down the win upon decking his foe with a right hand after earlier sending Ramos to the canvas with a left hook in the third round.

▲LOS ANGELES—Andy (The Hawk) Price kept his heretofore undefeated record intact with a tenth-round knockout victory over Julio Lopez, 138, of San Bernardino during Price's first main event appearance at the Olympic Auditorium.

Price, who is inclined to preface flurries with a shuffle and strut, was in command the entire distance while posting his third knockout among 15 victories. It was the 41st fight for Lopez.

Juan Morales, 137½, East L.A., decisioned Rod Contreras, 137½, Los Angeles (6).

▲LOS ANGELES—Jose Luis Del Campo, 129, the veteran from Guadalajara, Mexico, returned to the ring following a layoff by wasting little time in disposing of Japan's Yohihiro Shikauchi, 127.

Referee George Latka awarded Del Campo a third round knockout when Shikauchi failed to answer the bell for the start of the fourth in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Andre Beard, 157½, Sacramento, draw with Lalo Barrientos, 160, Mexico (6); Roy Hollis, 160, Los Angeles, decision over Joe Gonzales, 156½, Santa Rosa, Calif. (6); Eddie Logan, 120, Los Angeles, KO over Carlos Astrada, 116½, East L.A. (1).

▲LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Andy (The Hawk) Price, a 20-year-old welterweight with a flamboyant personality ("I have some of my own style, some borrowed from Hedgemon Lewis and some from Kid Gavilan," he had said), had entered his 19th pro fight with an unbeaten record.

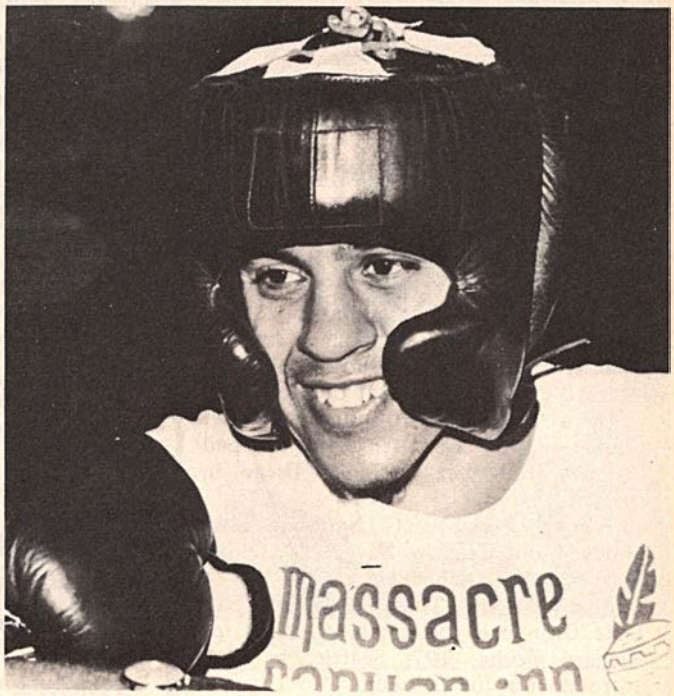
But journeyman Rudy Barro, 143, of Manila, eliminated some of the dash from Price's rising career by stopping the Los Angeles youngster in one minute of the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Barro, scoring his 32nd knockout in 44 fights, flattened Price, 141½, with a right cross to the chin. The loser was counted out by referee Rudy Jordan.

A stablemate of Jimmy Heair, the ranking lightweight, Price's record now reads 15-1-3.

Frankie Durate, 116, Los Angeles, KO over Pedro Torres, 116, East L.A. (3); Tonie Pulu, Los Angeles, decision over David Smith, So. West L.A. (6); Kevin Morgan, 148, Los Angeles, decision over Jesus Burciago, 150, Mexico (4).

▲MEXICALI—Danny (Little Red) Lopez, a ranked featherweight, had entered the final round of his scheduled 10-rounder with Memo Rodriguez knowing he would need a knockout to preserve his unbeaten record.



Los Angeles' featherweight Bobby Chacon, who scored a five-round knockout over Jorge Ramos at San Diego.

And Lopez, 125, did just that by halting Rodriguez, 123¾, with but one minute remaining in the bout to gain his 22nd KO victory among 23 wins. Referee Felipe Amador waved Lopez off his bloodied and wobbling opponent as the clock began to enter its final seconds.

The younger brother of former welterweight contender Ernie (Indian Red) Lopez, had needed the KO to remain undefeated inasmuch as two of the three officials had Rodriguez leading by substantial margins (88-82 and 89-85) after nine rounds.

Lopez decked his foe with a hook to the head in the final round. The Mexico City fighter rose at the count of five but was in such a stupor that referee Amador promptly ordered the bout halted. Rodriguez offered no protest.

Rodriguez had accentuated his early lead by knocking Lopez on the seat of his pants during the fourth round. Lopez rose quickly without a count. But, with scoring on a 10-point must system, the hook that stunned Danny had given Rodriguez a decided early advantage.

A ,rowd of 4200 squeezed into the Fymnasio de Mexicali while contributing to a gate of $28,000. Lopez received $4500

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CHACON HALTS RAMOS; PRICE STREAK ENDS

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for what he termed his toughest pay night.

▲**SACRAMENTO**—Jean Mateo, a Basque fighting out of Stockton, emerged triumphant in his first major test. Mateo, who was participating in his 15th pro bout, upset favored Carlos Salinas in the 10-round main event.

Mateo withstood some solid blows from the veteran Argentine to capture a split decision before 1600 fans who paid $6,080.

Judge Al Martinez called it a 4-4 draw, but referee Mario Duccini and judge Terry Smith came up with 5-3 and 5-4 cards.

The weights: Mateo 158, Salinas, 161.

Other results: Frankie Duarte, 118, Los Angeles, KO over Jorge De La Rosa, 117, San Diego, (1); Joe Guevara, 126, Sacramento, KO over Juan Hernandez, 125½, National City, (5).

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Eddie Mazon, 155½, turned in a rugged performance to hold Tommy Hannah, 160, Detroit, all even after 10 exciting rounds at the Coliseum.

In a co-feature 10-rounder, Walter Charles, 146, Los Angeles, stopped Gonzalo Rodriguez, 145, San Diego, in the third round.

Ramon Perez, 131, National City, knocked out Tommy Nava, 128, in the third round of a scheduled five.

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Tony Doyle, 206, Salt Lake City, had too much left hand for Richard Gosha, 197, Seattle, in their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

A near capacity gathering watched Doyle win seven out of the ten rounds.

Heavyweight contender Ken Norton was sharp in a six-round exhibition.

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Veteran manager Howie Stiendler has a bright new star in his stable, 19-year-old Alberto Davila.

Davila, 118, from East Los Angeles, won his 10-round debut with an easy decision over Doroteo Cubilas, 119½, of Stockton.

There were no knockdowns, but Davila consistently outpunched Cubilas most of the night.

Other results: Roy Holloway, 139, Los Angeles, KO over Juan Morales, 142, Mexico, (1); Delfino Rodriguez, 132, Los Angeles, KO over Kenny Brooks, 134, So. West Los Angeles, (3); Toni Pulu, 205½, Samoa, dec. over Charlie Brooks, 182, Los Angeles, (6).

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CLARK RETAINS EUROPEAN TITLE DY BEATING FABRIZIO

By RON OLVER

LONDON, Royal Albert Hall—Johnny Clark, Walworth, 117½, kept his European bantamweight title by outpointing Italian Salvatore Fabrizio, 117¾, over 15 rounds. This one was so close that it needed a long examination of the three scorecards before the result could be announced.

Immediately after the final bell rang, the photographers all gathered around the Clark corner, an indication of how they felt the result should be, but the scores revealed how close it actually was.

Judge Halbach of Germany called it a draw, 146 each. Judge Ermont of France made it 146-145 for Clark, and referee Desgain of Belgium brought joy to British hearts with another 146-145 in favour of Clark.

The one thing that endears Johnny to his fans is his ability to fight back under pressure, and he sure was under plenty of it in this fight.

I'm quite sure the Clark camp did not underestimate Fabrizio, but most of the British press obviously had. What was forecast as a fairly comfortable win for Clark, turned out to be one of the toughest fights Johnny has ever had. And he's had plenty, against Alan Rudkin (twice) and against Paddy Maguire in recent years.

Fabrizio came forward from the opening bell, and continued to pressure his man until the closing rounds, when Clark called on all his reserves and made a supreme effort to keep his title. A great effort it was, and a successful one.

The Italian was all action. He worked away with both hands, and Clark wasn't able to immediately get his accurate left jab going. On several occasions, the only way to deal with Fabrizio was to plant both feet firmly on the ground and fight it out. But the challenger would not be denied, and it soon developed into a cracking fight.

There were times when Johnny seemed slow in getting away from the ropes, but it's easy to criticize from outside the ring. Fabrizio was determined to keep his man in the corners as long as he possibly could.

Clark was marked around the eyes, and was being given a hard time. But he never wavered in his own efforts to get on top. Johnny punched cleanly and his counters were effective, yet Fabrizio was always coming forward.

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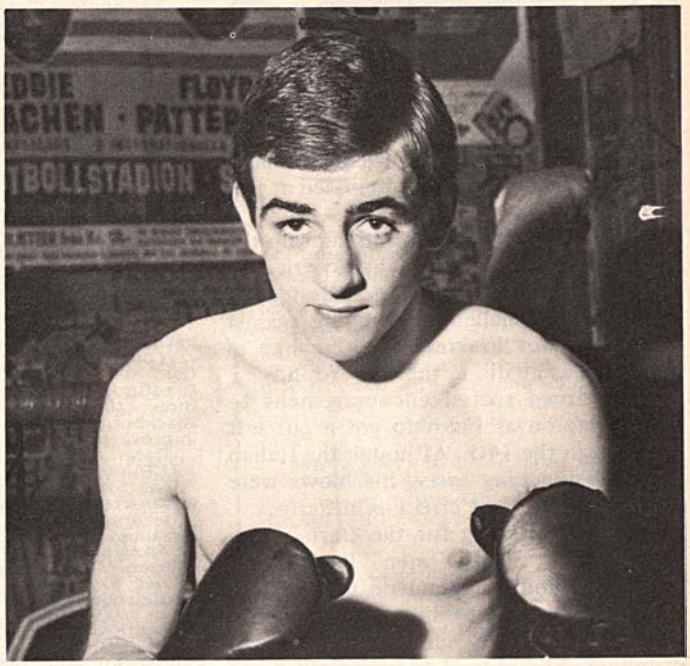

JOHNNY CLARK

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of March 20, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
8. Wendell Newton (B)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (Fiji)
10. Mani Vaka (T)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Pat McCann (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Ronnie Wilson (C)
7. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Steve Cansdell (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Alipate Korovou (T)
6. Don McMillan (S)
7. Roy Lee (J)
8. Fred Etuati (Samoa)
9. Monty Bentham (NZ)
10. Kahu Mahanga (NZ)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Joe Tetteh (G)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Leo Young (A)
8. Colin Cassidy (A)
9. Jim Melrose (S)
10. Joey Singleton (E)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. Elisha Obed (B)
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Marshall Butler (C)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Rocky Mattioli (A)
8. Peter Cobblah (G)
9. Bobby Arthur (E)
10. Paul Moore (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Larry Paul (E)
3. Carlos Marks (Trin)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Pongi Lie (T)
6. Si Nomura (Samoa)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Tom Imrie (S)
9. Frank Young (I)
10. Eddie Tavui (NZ)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Andy Broome (A)
6. Jimmy Revie (E)
7. Angus McMillan (S)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Sonny Bell (A)
10. Colin Cassidy (A)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Bobby Dunne (A)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Toro George (NZ)
3. David Poison (G)
4. Love Allotey (G)
5. Evan Armstrong (S)
6. Jimmy Bell (S)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Tommy Glencross (S)
9. Howard Hayes (E)
10. Alan Richardson (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Brian Roberts (A)
6. Paddy Graham (I)
7. Guinea Hillier (A)
8. George Turpin (E)
9. John Mitchell (S)
10. Brian Clout (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Big Jim West (A)
3. Sharkey Hughes (A)
4. David Natta (Z)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Admittedly, Fabrizio relied on strength, and didn't possess the same skills as Clark, but then Rocky Marciano could never be classed as a boxer, and he didn't have a bad record.

The pattern was thus the same for round after round, and we could only hope that the judges were giving Clark credit for his neat jabbing and clever counterpunching as well as to Fabrizio for his aggression.

After eleven rounds, Clark had still not been able to establish any kind of superiority, but then he proceeded to turn on a champion-like performance. In the twelfth he came out quickly, both hands working overtime to the Italian's head. The latter looked nonplussed at this unexpected rally.

Clark won this round, and kept up the pressure until the end. Fabrizio tried to punch with him, but Clark sidestepped and had the challenger plunging against the ropes, not looking anything like as confident as he did in the early rounds.

The crowd roared encouragement to the champion as Fabrizio got a cut left eyebrow in the 14th. Although the Italian was still punching away, his blows were not having the same effect as hitherto.

As the bell rang for the start of the final round, both men knew that everything could depend on this session, and Clark won it by his speed and skill. One left to the chin had Fabrizio dropping his gloves momentarily and Clark gave him no respite. Yet the Italian was always trying to fight back, being one of the fittest men ever to enter a ring.

A final flourish by Clark, a wait that seemed endless for the announcement of the scorecards, and scenes of excitement from the fans as the result was announced, climaxed a thrilling evening.

The swelling around Clark's eyes must have handicapped him, but he shrugged them off in typical fashion.

British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Danny McAlinden, Coventry, 192¾, fractured his left thumb and was well outpointed by American Irish Pat Duncan, 189, over ten by 99-97½.

Danny's injury means a postponement of the proposed Commonwealth title defense against George Chuvalo, and also his British defense against Bunny Johnson.

There's not a lot to be said about the Duncan fight. The American used his head as much as his gloves, preferred to punch to the kidneys rather than the target area, and managed to evade the punches that Mac threw at him. But mostly Danny's punches were either out of range, or blocked by Duncan, who was invariably to keep McAlinden off balance.

No one of course knew about the thumb injury, which must have handicapped him severely. He said afterwards that he felt agony every time he tried to close his fist, and added that the injury occurred in the second round.

Duncan had a large height and reach advantage, and McAlinden couldn't seem to get close enough to land his rights. It wasn't for the want of trying, but his timing was off. He had plenty of spirit, showed a lot of aggression, yet never could make his mark on this fight. It just wasn't his night.

Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 126, goes from strength to strength. He gave a superb display of box-fighting in stopping former Welsh bantam champion Welsh Colin Miles, Cardiff, 127½, referee Roland Dakin intervening after two minutes of the eighth and final session "to save Miles unnecessary punishment."

This was Sollas' most impressive performance to date. He moved and punched faster than the plucky Miles, who also revealed plenty of skill.

Sollas is only 19, but boxes like a man several years older.

Billy Williams, Barking, 183, kept his unbeaten record by easily outpointing substitute Steve Foley, Bedford, 188, over eight "twos" by 79½-77. So superior was Williams that he could have been expected to stop his man, but Foley put up a game performance, especially after taking the bout on 24 hours notice. He was down in the third, but had little trouble in avoiding Williams' desperate efforts to stop him.

John L. Gardner, Hackney, 204½, also retained his unbeaten record by knocking out substitute Barry Clough, Stoke, 191, in two. Clough was floored twice previously.

Yet another fighter who remains unbeaten is Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 161, who outscored Cherokee-Indian Charlie Small, Kensington, 162½, over six by 59½-57½. Small bled from the nose, and had a swelling by the right eye, but showed a lot of aggression. Cain produced an accurate left jab, to which his opponent had no reply.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—John Smith, Glasgow, 154½, recovered well after losing the first half of the fight to outpoint Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 150, over eight by 78½-78.

Smith seemed in trouble from his opponents right hand in the early stages, but once he went forward and speeded up his own jab, Smith started to get on top.

Hardiman was cut by both eyes, and in trouble in the fifth. Two hard rights in the following round also shook him, and in spite of a brief rally in the seventh he was again shaken in the final session by the determined Smith.

Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 186, made it five in a row stopping John Celebanski, Bradford, 196, in five. Celebanski was floored three times. When they met previously Blackburn won on points, and is obviously improving fast.

Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 163½, outpointed Jeff Burns, Swansea, 164, by 79½-78 over eight "twos." Angus jabbed accurately, but the fight was marred by two much holding.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 152, outpointed Jim Devanney, Halifax, 150, over six by 60-58.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester**—Mike Manley, Pontypool, 161, outscored Pat Brogan, Crewe, 162, over eight hectic rounds by 79-78. Last time they met the result was a draw.

Southpaw Manley won this return convincingly. Plenty of hard punches were exchanged, but Brogan's mistake was to allow himself to be lured into close-quarter work in which Manley was the master.

Richard Scarth, Melton, 120½, a 19-year-old jockey, made a successful pro debut by outpointing Tony Williams, Cardiff, 114½, over six by 60-58. Scarth jabbed and moved well.

Dave Coombs, Northwich, 137, drew with Geoff Beadsworth, Alfreton, 137½, over six in an interesting bout.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 124, was too strong for Ray Scott, Liverpool, 125, outpointing him over six by 60-58½. Scott's nose bled, and he did well to survive

▲**World Sporting Club, London**—Les Stevens, Reading, 191½, is the new Southern Area heavyweight champion. The title has been vacant for several years, and the man chosen to contest the crown with Stevens was Tim Wood, 187, who lives at Leicester in the Midlands.

However, Wood was born in London, which gave him his qualification. This was his first defeat in ten fights as a pro, and he certainly put up a great show, culminating in a fine rally in the final round. Yet Stevens was a worthy 97½-96 winner over ten.

Richard Dunn, Halifax, 214, gave a fine performance in stopping American Obie English, 190¼, with just ten seconds to go of the tenth and final round.

It was a terrific scrap, with both men throwing punches from first bell until the end. Both were facially marked, and there could have been little in it up to that last session, when an all-out attack was launched by Dunn, who decked his man for nine. English looked as if he might not beat the count, but managed to climb up just in time, whereupon referee Harry Gibbs intervened.

Walter "Bimbo" Pearce, Cardiff, 226, outpointed Kenny Burrell, 214, Worksop, over six "twos" by 60-57½. Burrell was floored in the second.

▲**Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull**—Kevin White, Wells, 149, outpointed Kenny Webber, Manchester, 148½, by 79-78½ over eight, a deserved victory.

Webber, from the same stable as British light middleweight champion Larry Paul, was never given the chance to settle. White kept it close, moved intelligently when required to do so, and in spite of a Webber rally in the middle rounds, White wore his man down in the final stages.

A fine display of boxing enabled Billy Waith, Cardiff, 137½, to outscore Angus McMillan, Glasgow, 137, by 79-77½ over eight.

Steve Walker, Birmingham, 177½, outpointed Mike Cottingham, Lymington, 177, by 80-76½ over eight. Cottingham was floored twice.

Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 161, outpointed Mike Manley, 161½, Pontypridd, over eight by 79-78½. Cooper's accurate jab was the dominating factor.

Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 147½, beat Liam White, Wells, 147, who was disqualified in the eighth and final round for persistent holding.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 147½, thought by many to be a threat to the best in the welterweight division, knocked out former contender Les Pearson, Pontefract, 147½, after only 1 min. 45 sec. of the first round.

When they met four months previously Thomas won on points, but he was in the mood to waste time on this occasion. A left hook to the body put Pearson down, and in spite of a gallant effort to rise his legs would not respond.

This was Thomas's first fight under the management of Les Roberts, who is also the NSC matchmaker.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 150, confirmed a previous victory over Liam White, Wells, 150½, outpointing him over eight by 79-78. Rhiney jabbed accurately and kept on the move to foil an aggressive opponent.

Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 157½, was awarded a 59½-59 points verdict over Charlie Richardson, 161, after six "twos", but many disagreed with this decision.

Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 126¾, looked useful in his pro debut, outpointing Ray Scott, Liverpool, 128, over six "twos" by 60-58.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—In the second show at the Club on successive nights Mick Hussey, Islington, 165½, knocked out Jeff Burns, Swansea, in the seventh of their eight "twos."

The knockout came as a surprise. Hussey threw a long left to the jaw. Burns was down—and out, and it was a minute or two before he had recovered sufficiently to leave the ring.

Peter Mullins, Tottenham, 163, stopped Ollie Thomas, Haverfordwest, 164½, in two. Thomas hadn't been down, but was shipping punishment when the referee intervened.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 134, outscored Eric Williams, Llandilo, 138, by 59-58 over six "twos."

▲**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow**—One might expect a World heavyweight champion not to box for twelve months, but certainly not a national flyweight title holder. Yet when John McCluskey, holder of the British eight-stone crown, entered the ring, it had been 13 months since his last fight.

The reason for this is mainly that there are no other active flyweights in Britain, and but for McCluskey the division would probably have been extinct several years ago, as it undoubtedly will be when Mac decides to retire.

Over eight rounds McCluskey Hamilton, 114, revealed no signs of ring-rust in outscoring bantamweight John Kellie, Livingstone, 121½, by 79½-77½.

Kellie was decked in the opening minute of the fight (he hadn't boxed for ten months), and he seemed nonplussed for the first few rounds. McCluskey was whipping in that left jab to the face, and switching intelligently to the body as his opponent was slow to counter. In the fifth Kellie was shaken by a right to the jaw, but fought back pluckily, and pulled McCluskey up short as the latter moved in to try and land a finisher.

A hard right from Kellie had Mac halting momentarily, but the champ came right back with both hands working to drive his man back. In a torrid final round they fought it out toe to toe with McCluskey getting the better of the exchanges, overcoming a cut left eyebrow in this round, the result of a head clash.

Ken Buchanan's younger brother Alan, Edinburgh, 133½, easily outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 141, by 80-75½ over eight "twos." Fallone was twice down in the fifth, but he used his experienced to keep out of further trouble, although he had to hold frequently in order to do so.

Inactive for two years, Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 141½, stopped Don Burgin, Shotton, 138, in the fifth, when Burgin was cut above the right eye.

John Smith, Glasgow, 152, outpointed Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, by 79-78½ over eight, but it wasn't a popular verdict. Smith jabbed well with the left, Simpson preferred it at close-quarters, and the latter was cut over the left eye in the sixth, which proved a handicap.

The fight was a close one, making the traditional booing inevitable.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Maurice Hope, Hackney, 159, outpointed Mike Manley, Pontypool, 160½, over eight by 79-77, which on paper looked a comfortable margin, but most of Hope's best work was done in the early rounds, and Manley pressed hard in the closing stages.

Both are southpaws, and they quickly got on with the job, Manley being down in the second and third rounds, and looking as if he would be stopped early in the proceedings. Hope kept up the pressure and added to his points lead, but Manley never gave up and did quite well in the last three rounds. By that time it was too late.

Richard Scarth, Melton, 120, drew a hectic eight-rounder with Tony Williams, Pontypool, 118, with the former winning the first half and the latter the final stages.

Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, 156, outscored Mickey Walker, Nottingham, 160, by 60-57 over six. Walker showed the aggression, but McHugh the greater skill.

An impressive debut by Roy Holdcroft, Stoke, 138, who outpointed Geoff Beadsworth, Nottingham, 138, by 59-58 over six after flooring him three times in the final round.

▲**Manor Place Baths, London**—Paddy Maguire, Belfast, 116½, outpointed Antonio Tenza, Spain, 118½, over eight by 80-78, and although it was a comfortable victory, Paddy was never allowed to relax by the plucky Spaniard, who invariably tried to fight his way out of trouble.

Tenza hurt his left hand in the opening round, and had to switch to southpaw from time to time. Also, he was cut by the left eye, aggravated in the fifth (three stitches afterwards), so didn't have a lot going for him. Yet he kept battling away. Maguire, as usual, kept up an almost non-stop attack, and hurt his man with good body punches to produce a convincing win against a game opponent.

Pat McCormack, Dublin, 146, took a few rounds to catch up with Tony Bagshaw, Hull, 150, but when he did so it was just a matter of time, eventually stopping Tony in the fifth after decking him three times in that round.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177½, outscored Mike Cottingham, Southampton, 177, by 79½-78 over eight "twos." The more varied approach of Thompson gave him the edge in a crowd-pleaser.

A fourth-round knockdown paved the way for Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 162½, to gain a narrow points win over Mick Lock, Croydon, 163½, over six by 58½-58.

Southpaw Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 145½, outpointed Pat Marshall, Bristol, 146, over six by 60-58½.

▲**Civic Hall, Wolverhampton**—There's no stopping Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 156, the British light-middleweight champion, who brought his record as a pro to 11 wins in as many bouts by outpointing Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 159¾, over ten by 99½-96 in this non-title affair.

This was Magdziarz' first defeat, and his record includes two victories over Alan Minter (both on eye cuts), one of Britain's best middleweights.

The famed Magdziarz right hand was successful only on one occasion—in the seventh round, a hard shot right on the chin, but which had no effect on Paul, who came right back as if nothing had happened and countered with a hefty left.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 148, couldn't repeat a recent win over Kenny Webber, Manchester, 148½, but these two boxed a fine draw in an outstanding contest.

Webber went all out to reverse the previous verdict, and revealed plenty of aggression, and was especially successful with rights to the head. Francis looked impressive in the fourth, when he shook his man with a couple of left hooks, then back came Webber again.

It was nip and tuck all the way, and seemed a fair result.

Third time lucky for Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 129½, who after two defeats by Mario Stango, Bedford, 128½, beat him on a cut-eye stoppage at the end of the seventh round.

Belnavis looked ahead at that stage, but Stango was staging a rally and the outcome was by no means certain.

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 176, knocked out Alex Penarsky, Alfreton, 172, in the third after flooring him three times.

Alan Butters, Southampton, 178, outscored Steve Walker, Birmingham, 177½, over six by 60-59, keeping busier and punching more strongly.

▲**Norths Staffs Sporting Club, Stock**—George McGurk, Jarrow, 136, outpointed Tony Cunningham, Liverpool, 135½, by 79½-77½ over eight.

This was a battle of two parts, with McGurk stepping up the pace after Cunningham had gone through the ropes in the third after a collision. Then Tony got back into the fight, and they fought it out in some exciting exchanges until the close.

A scrap appreciated by the members, and a fair result.

Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 176¾, beat Steve Foley, Bedford, 180½, who was disqualified in the seventh for alleged misuse of the head. Another crowd-pleaser with hard blows exchanged on both sides.

John McKnight, Glasgow, 120, used his greater experience to outpoint debutant Carl Hazelwood, Bedford, 123, over six by 59-58½, but the latter showed promise.

Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 161, gained a comfortable points win over Peter Mullins, Wolverhampton, 159¼, by 80-77 in their eight-rounder. Cooper was 21 years old on the day of the fight.

Jim Devanney, Halifax, 150, outpointed George Salmon, Stoke, 149, over eight by 78½-78. A close one, which Devanney clinched by his closing rally.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 132½, had an overwhelming points victory against Barton McAllister, Tooting, 141, outscoring him by 80-74½ in their eight-rounder.

Buchanan did all the work in this one, with McAllister boxing purely on the defensive and seemingly content to keep out of trouble. Consequently, not a particularly interesting bout to watch. But full marks to Alan for never easing up.

Having his second fight in five days, Jim Devanney, Halifax, 151, produced an outstanding performance to outpoint Liam White, Wells, 151 by 79½-78½ over eight.

Devanney was helped by a cut left eye sustained by his opponent in the opening session, but nevertheless he picked his punches well, and had built up quite a lead until he himself was cut by the left eye in the sixth.

A disputed draw between Jim Gilmour, Glasgow, 181, and Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 185, over six. Gilmour took hard punches in the fourth and fifth, but came back well to cancel out his opponent's early lead.

John O'Rawe, Paddington, 133½, stopped debutant Ginger Bell, Lewisham, 130½, in the opening round, the referee intervening after Bell had been floored.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London**—Former British featherweight champion Jimmy Revie, Stockwell, 136½, now chasing the lightweight title, didn't have too much to spare in outpointing George McGurk, Jarrow, 138, by 69½-79.

McGurk was having his second bout in five days, but seemed to revel in the exchanges, and had Revie down for eight in the fifth.

Revie was cut by the right eye, and this didn't completely yield to treatment, proving a handicap as McGurk got in close.

There was little between them at any time, with southpaw Revie scoring with right jabs and McGurk showing up well as he moved inside Jimmy's leads and banged away to the body.

After nine months of inactivity, Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, 177, did well to draw with Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 180, over eight "twos." This was a "rubber" contest, each having won one, so they'll have to fight it out all over again. Each boxer was given £50, as their bout was considered the best of the night.

Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 147, continues to impress, stopping Mickeye Evans, Bournemouth, 154, in the sixth and final round, the referee intervening after Evans had been decked.

Steve Foley, Bedford, 189, knocked out Mike Cottingham, Southampton, 184, in the sixth after flooring him in the previous round.

▲**Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend**—Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 138, outscored Southern Area lightweight champion Noel McIvor, Luton, 136½, over eight by 79½-77½. Cheshire looked good in a hectic scrap, which produced "nobbins" from appreciative members. McIvor was floored in the first round, but fought back in determined fashion, and was better at close-quarters.

The more accurate and varied attack came from Cheshire, who looked to have made a full recovery from his two-round defeat by Brian Jones a couple of months previously.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 161, kayoed Bob Murphy, Manchester, 166, in the third.

Another clean knockout was scored by Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 134, who finished off Ken Singlewood, Derby, 136, in the second.

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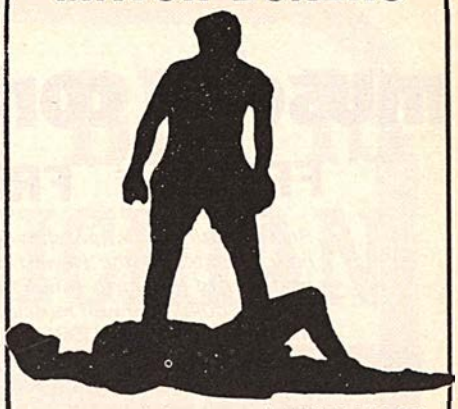

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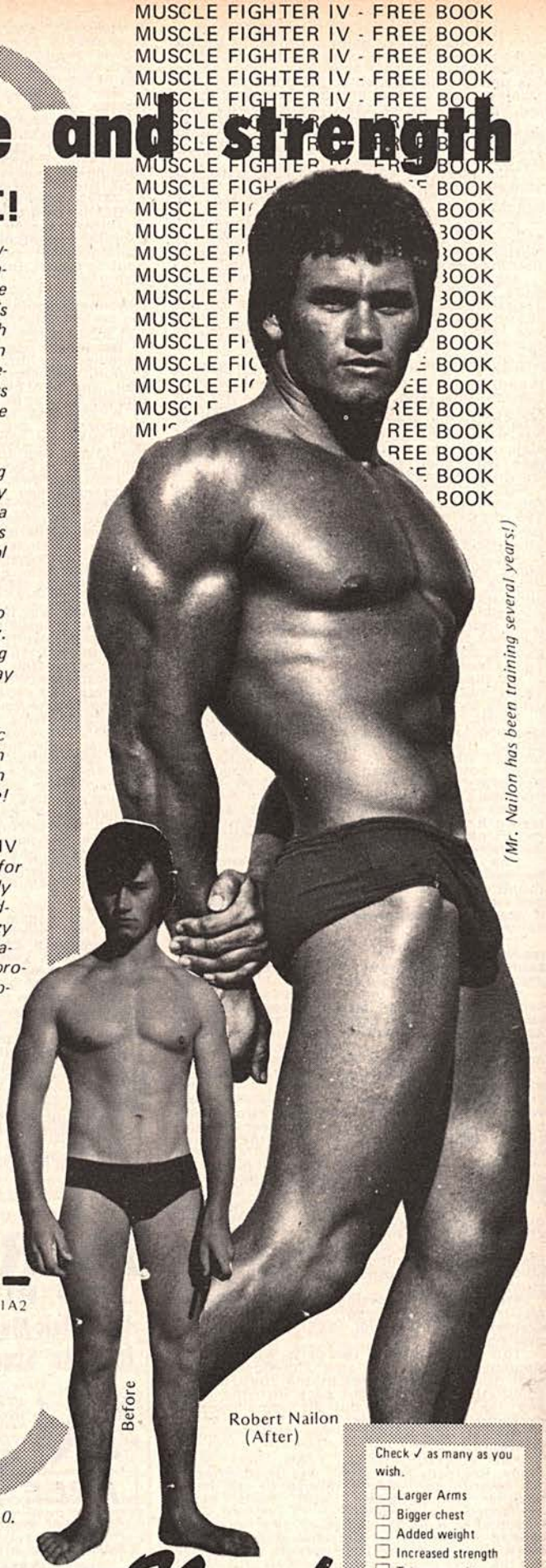

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ORSOLICS' TITLE BID IS FOILED BY KECHICHIAN

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN.—After earlier reports that doping tests carried out before and after Carlos Monzon's world middleweight title defense against Jose Napoles in Paris were negative, comes a story that Monzon refused to partake in a urine test after the bout.

The President of the French Boxing Federation, Bernard Restout, is to make a report to the World Boxing Council via the European Boxing Union. If this story is true then it could cost Monzon his title or a fine of some $10,000. The great fight that was expected, fizzled out like a damp fire cracker with Napoles failing to leave his corner for round seven. A 'good big un' will always beat a 'good little un' and this bout was no exception to the rule.

Although President Peron said he hoped Monzon would carry on boxing to bring glory to his country, Monzon said in an interview with the 'La Razon' reporter from Argentine, "Its back to the wife and kids as a family man." Pity, for a meeting with Tony Mundine of Australia would have been a grand curtain bow for the champion.

In London, Johnny Clark, Great Britain, made a successful defense of his European featherweight title against the Italian, Salvatore Fabrizio, winning narrowly on points. Referee Desgain, Luxembourg, and judge Ermont, France, made Clark the winner by the narrowest margin, 146-145. Judge Halbach Germany, called it a draw.

In Vienna, Frenchman Jacques Kechichian retained his European junior middleweight title, beating Austrian Johann Orsolics. The referee, Harry Gibbs of Great Britain, called a halt in round nine. The 9,000 present were hoping to see Orsolics win his third European crown. He won the welterweight title in 1969 and the junior welterweight title in 1967. Orsolics' damaged eye, which caused the referee to intervene, was cut in round three. The fight was still very open at the time of the stoppage and Kechichian said that the Austrian was his toughest foe so far. This was the 15th European title fight for the city of waltzes. 26-year-old Orsolics, who has been boxing for 12 years, has had 47 fights, won 39, lost 6 and drawn 2. Kechichian has had 31 fights, won 24, lost 5 and drawn 2.

For Austrian Kid Rado who refereed the Jiminez-Vermandere European contest, it was his 25th in 15 years of boxing.

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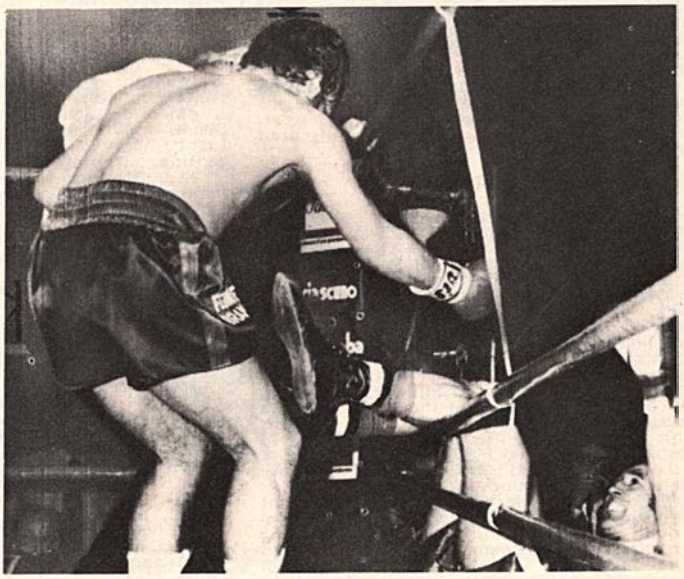

Spanish challenger Tony Ortiz finds himself on the ring apron after being sent there by WBC junior welter king Bruno Arcari in the second round of their title bout in Turin, Italy. Arcari won when Ortiz was disqualified in the eighth round.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

As of March 20, 1974

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Bepi Ros (I)
2. Mario Baruzzi (I)
3. Rudi Lubbers (H)
4. Bernd August (G)
5. Conny Velensek (G)
6. Hartmut Sasse (G)
7. Ray Patterson (Sw)
8. Casimiro Martinez (S)
9. Armando Zanini (I)
10. Harold Skog (N)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Tom Bogs (D)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
4. Aldo Traversaro (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Erik Nussbaum (Switz)
7. Renzo Grespan (I)
8. Tom Jensen (D)
9. Franco Machia (I)
10. Jean Claude Capitolin (F)

Middleweights
* Elio Calcabrini (I)
1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
2. Fabio Bettini (F)
3. Gratien Tonna (F)
4. Mario Almanzo (I)
5. Eckhard Dagge (G)
6. Sauro Soprani (I)
7. Franz Csandl (A)
8. Joel LeGuern (F)
9. Michel Chapier (F)
10. Luciano Sarti (I)

Junior Middles
* Jacques Kechichian (F)
1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Jose Duran (S)
3. Fighting Mack (H)
4. Francis Vermandere (F)
5. Aldo Bentini (I)
6. Randolph Hombach (G)
7. Christian Larsen (D)
8. Armando Patronelli (I)
9. Alberto Torri (I)
10. Damian Lassandro (I)

Welterweights
* Roger Menetrey (F)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Domenico Di Iorio (S)
3. Germain Lemaitre (F)
4. Jose Gonzales Dopico (S)
5. Marco Scano (I)
6. Max Heibesen (Switz)
7. Giuliano Nervino (I)
8. Jacques van Maellaerst (F)
9. Walter Blaser (Switz)
10. Kurt Hombach (G)

Junior Welters
* Tony Ortiz (S)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Cemal Kamaci (T)
3. Roger Zami (F)
4. Pietro Ceru (I)
5. Tommaso Marocco (I)
6. Romano Fanali (I)
7. Bernard Creton (F)
8. Baldassare Picone (F)
9. Bruno Freshi (I)
10. Fernando Perez (S)

Lightweights
* Antonio Puddu (S)
1. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
2. Efisio Pinna (I)
3. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
4. Giuseppe Carbonara (I)
5. Perico Fernandez (S)
6. Enzo Petriglia (I)
7. Manuel Calvo (S)
8. Leonard Tavarez (I)
9. Dominque Azzaro (F)
10. Jean Piedvache (F)

Junior Lights
* Lothar Abend (G)
1. Sven Erik Poulsen (Fn)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Mario Redi (I)
4. Erkki Nikkinen (Fin)
5. Mario Sanna (I)
6. Giorgio Merlin (I)
7. Felix Brami (F)
8. Domingo Jimenez (S)
9. Miguel Molleda (S)
10. Giovanni Girgenti (I)

Featherweights
* Gitano Jimenez (S)
1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Enzio Farinelli (I)
4. Daniel Vermandere (F)
5. Bruno Pieracci (I)
6. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
7. Ramiro Suarez (S)
8. Ramiro Marichal (S)
9. Jose Bisbal (S)
10. Gilles Debret (F)

Flyweights
* Fritz Chervet (Switz)
1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Mario Garcia (S)
5. Franco Udella (I)
6. Giovanni Mura (S)
7. Kid Romero (S)
8. Dominque Cesari (F)
9. Sanchez Escudero (S)
10. Tarcisio Boi (I)

Bantamweights
* Johnny Clark (GB)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Bob Allotey (S)
3. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Tony Sassarini (I)
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ACTION IN EUROPE

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AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna**—It was disappointing for promoter and manager Willy Zeller when his charge, Johann Orsolics, Austria, failed to dethrone European junior middleweight champion Jacques Kechichian. But he was once again one of the few promoters around to see some 9,000 take up their seats. Boxing on the continent does not attract crowds of this size too often. It was a very tough fight with everyone getting their money's worth. Orsolics got his eye cut in round three and in the ninth, referee Harry Gibbs, Great Britain, called a halt. This was Orsolics' tenth European title contest and a third crown escaped the Austrian. Willi Zeller promises that Orsolics will be back again after a rest and perhaps a trip to the States. Middleweight Franz Csandl, Austria, beat Domenico Tiberia, Italy, KO2. Welterweight Esperno Postl, Austria, outscored Kurt Hombach, eight. Middleweight German Frank Reiche outpointed Klaus Kammerhofer, six. Junior welterweight Rainer Mueller outpointed Whan Ki Min, Korea, four. Welterweight Jaroslav Travnik beat Ireno Werleman, KO4. Welter Klaus Steinmetz, Germany, outscored Kid Village, four.

GERMANY

▲**Hamburg**—Promoter and manager Fritz Gretzschel had a very successful 1973. In March last year he made a comeback after ten years and enticed four brilliant young amateurs to join the paid ranks. Eckhard Dagge, won the German middleweight title with only half a dozen professional bouts. Hartmut Sasse captured the heavyweight title in October. Heavyweight, Bernd August completed the year undefeated in 11 bouts. Only light heavyweight, Leo Kakolewicz, remained odd man out having to lay off with an injured right hand. With only a month gone of the new year, Fritz Gretzschel finds the dice not rolling in his favor. In Hamburg on the first of the month of February, 24 year-old Hartmut Sasse's reign of 99 days came to end losing on points to Conny Velensek over 12 rounds.

▲**Frankfort**—Ex-European light heavyweight champion Rudiger Schmidtke, drew a ten-rounder with Muhammad Ali's ex-sparring partner, Eddie Bossman Jones. The German injured his right arm in the third round. 37-year-old, ex-European light heavyweight champion, Lothar Stengel, Germany, who lost his title to Tom Bogs in 1968 and who has not boxed for three years, kayoed Fighting Nell, in one round. 21 year-old German, heavyweight Charlie Graf, who has not boxed for nearly two years, beat Ray Adonis, Ghana, who retired with a cut eyebrow in frame two. Heavyweight Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, beat Ba Sounkala, KO3. Light heavyweight Szeng Verstappen, Holland, drew in four rounds with Arpat Magyar, Hungary, Middleweight Jean Emmerich, Germany, beat Roland Riedewald, Holland, KO7.

▲**Lubeck**—1,600 saw Fred Stohr's show which provided sensations galore. Two German champions, twins Randolph and Kurt Hombach were beaten by novices. Junior welterweight champion Randolph was outpointed by Peter Scheibner in a middle contest over six three's, and Kurt, welterweight king, lost on points to Jurgen Voss, six. Light heavyweight Shaco Mamba, Congo, beat German, Karsten Honhold, TKO5. Light heavyweight Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, beat Carlos Clementi, TKO2. Heavyweight Willy Karall beat Alex Siemon, KO3.

FRANCE

▲**Tourcoing**—Francis Vermandere held onto his French junior middleweight title, outpointing Gerard Cola, 12.

▲**Paris**—Middleweight Joel Bonnetaz and Jose Rodriguez drew their eight-rounder.

▲**Bethuane**—Middleweight Shako Mamba outscored Marcel Giordanella, ten.

▲**Conflans**—Featherweight Gilles Debert outscored Claude Lapinte, eight.

▲**Crepy**—Welterweight Andre Sainseaux drew eight rounds with Jean Claude Belgove.

▲**Bellegarde**—Lightweight Gilbert Orsaldo and Jacques Manane drew their eight-rounder.

▲**Sedan**—Heavyweight Christian Poncelet, France, outscored Horst Lang, Germany, eight rounds.

▲**Dunkirk**—Welterweight. Guy Vercoutter outscored Andre Sainseaux, in ten. Bernard Creton decisioned Jean Claude Lafargue, ten. Middleweight Jo Kimpwani beat Gerard Leteune, TKO4.

▲**Paris**—Four thousand paid 372,000 francs to see WBA world lightweight champion, Roberto Duran, Panama, make his first personal appearance in Europe. He beat 35 year-old Frenchman Leonard Tavarez, France, in four rounds. The local matador, bleeding from the nose throughout the engagement, was decked in the third, but was saved by the gong. Manager Jean Traxel threw in the towel during frame four. Former world welterweight champion Billy Backus beat Frenchman Roger Zami, the towel being thrown in during round nine. Antonio Amaya, Panama, narrowly outpointed Ould Makloufi, ten. 25 year-old lightweight Jean Piedvache, France, defeated Gerardo Esposita, Italy, TKO3.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid**—Manuel Calvo, Spain, beat Jean Pirre Younsi, France, TKO3. Junior middleweight. Jose Duran, Spain, decisioned Vincent Parra, France, 10.

▲**Barcelona**—Welterweight Everaldo Costa beat Dum Dum Pacheco, TKO6. Heavyweight, Adriano Rosati beat Casimiro Martinez, TKO7. Lightweight, Perico Fernandez and Raul Moluna drew their eight rounder.

▲**Bilbao**—Lightweight Horacio Ruiz beat Parerito Jiminez who was disqualified in round five. Featherweight, Nino Jiminez drew and eight rounder with Luis Aisa.

▲**Barcelona**—Heavyweight Jose Urtain outscored Mongel Ortiz, eight. Middleweight Josen Duran outscored Michel Chapier, eight. Lightweight Fernando Sanchez decisioned Isidoro Cabeza, eight.

▲**Madrid**—Lightweight Perico Fernandez, Spain, drew eight with Jonathan Dele, Nigeria. Light heavyweight Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, outpointed Billy Suze, Congo, eight.

▲**La Coruna**—Welterweight Germain Lemaitre, France, outscored Jose Gonzalez Dopico, Spain, eight. Featherweight Diaz Corochito beat Ringo Valeiro, TKO4.

ITALY

▲**Cagliari**—Uro Di Pietro beat champion Efisio Pinna TKO4 to win the Italian lightweight title.

DENMARK

▲**Randers**—A crowd of 4,000 saw 29-year-old Tom Bogs, Denmark, outscore Italian, Mario Almanzo, ten. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outpointed Pietro Ceru, eight. Jun-Middleweight Laurits Jensen, Denmark, decisioned Carmine Maltino, Italy, four. Middleweight Poul Knudsen, Denmark, outscored Roberto Bisotti, Italy, six. Light heavyweight Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Dino Torocco, TKO4. Junior lightweight Erik Poulsen outpointed Ugo Poli, Italy, eight.

▲**Copenhagen**—Tom Bogs, Denmark, beat Eddie Owens, USA, who was disqualified in round five. Lauritz Jensen beat Giampoalo, TKO2. Tom Jensen beat Adolfo Cardozo, KO2. Poul Knudsen beat Haci Demirbas, KO2.

"ALI IS NOT AFRAID OF ANY FIGHTER," SAYS DUNDEE

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middleweight champion, and Jose Napoles, the welterweight title holder. Angie said he had not allowed Napoles to leave his corner for the seventh round because it would not have been humane. His right eye was in very bad shape and he was used up. It was a fight which could not be judged from TV.

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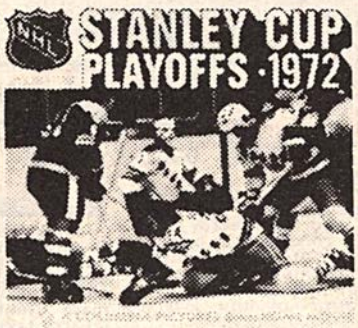

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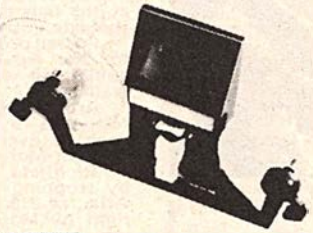

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● NOTES FROM THE COAST ●

By ABE HOCHHEISER

One of the most colorful, popular and likeable boxing personalities, Stephen (Suey) Welch, died in Los Angeles recently.

Welch, the Irishman with the Chinese nickname, was 75 when he passed away. During his youth he worked on a Chinese laundry truck in his native Ohio with two other brothers, who also had Chinese nicknames, Chang and Howie. As promoter, manager and friend, he was tops to all that knew him personally.

In conjunction with Ed Bang, sports editor of the Cleveland News, Welch was instrumental in promoting the annual Cleveland News Christmas charity Milk Fund for the needy.

In 1970, Welch was inducted into the Ohio Football Hall Of Fame and a large blowup photo of the famed Suey in football uniform has been enshrined there.

Bob Hunter, now sports editor for the Hearst syndicate newspapers and a long time friend of Suey, was a business partner of Suey's in a Los Angeles restaurant during the 40's and 50's. He describes Suey this way: "His honesty and integrity were impeccable, a moral monument that stood out, especially in the fight game in which he was so active. When they coined the phrase "His word is his bond" they had to be thinking of Suey. Never once, as far as I know, did he ever deviate or even bend a little from that concept of life. Fighters, managers, promoters all knew and acknowledged many times that a nod or a handshake from Suey was a contract. An associate once paid him the highest possible business compliment when he said: "Suey, I would rather have you count the money than me".

During his early football days, Suey played with all-time great Jim Thorpe on Ohio's Canton Bulldogs. When the great Indian athlete was down on his luck, Suey located Thorpe and hired him as a host for his Los Angeles restaurant.

Among those in attendance at Welch's funeral were: Mae West, Don Fraser, promoter; Frankie Garcia, newly elected President of the Golden State Boxers Association; Noble "Kid" Chissell, President emeritus of the Golden State Boxers Association, boxing writer, movie and TV actor; Al Santoro, former sports editor for Hearst syndicate newspaper now publicist for the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium; Chief of Police of Bell, California, George Wagner, associate member of the Golden State Boxers Association; Ralph Gambina, boxing manager, movie and television actor; Mickey "Soldier" Farr, former Chicago boxing promoter; Vincent Lopez, former California State middleweight wrestling champ of the 30's who was closely associated with Suey; Sid Marks, a top-flight lightweight during the 20's; Sammy Aaronson, boxing manager and promoter who piloted former middleweight contender Artie Levine; Mrs. Aileen Eaton, Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium promoter; Frankie Muche, boxing manager and trainer; Howie Steindler, Main Street gymnasium owner; Jimmy O'Gatty, middleweight of the 20's now a movie and television actor; Nona Carver, onetime top-rated burlesque star; Frankie Van, former movie technical adviser, referee and now gymnasium owner; Tommy Farmer, former boxing manager; Mel Epstein, veteran California, Oregon, Montana, Promoter-Manager; Mickey "Golden" Goldberg, New York lightweight of the 20's now a television and movie actor; Tony (Paparino) Selmars, lightweight of the 20's who fought under the Suey Welch managerial banner; Billy Peacock, bantamweight of the 50's and 60's, who also fought under the Welch banner; Billy Wallace, lightweight of the 20's and 30's who boxed on the first Cleveland News Christmas milk Fund show promoted by Suey. Also Gene "Spider" Mock, lightweight of the 30's who currently is with Universal movie studios; Johnny Villaflor, west coast boxing manager-trainer; Willie Bean, heavyweight of the 40's and 50's; Frankie Goodman, former national inter-collegiate boxing champ now a gymnasium owner and boxing writer for the San Fernando Valley California "Valley News".

Active pall bearers included boxing promoter George Parnassus; Tom Gallery, former NBC television sports director and former promoter; Jerry McCauly, boxing manager and close friend of Suey; Jimmy McLarnin, former welter champ; Dick Mastro, boxing writer; Harry Popkin, movie producer; Bob Hunter, sports editor of the Hearst syndicate newspapers; Bob Myers, of the Associated Press; William "Gorilla" Jones, former middleweight champ, whom Suey managed; two other fighters managed by Suey, Al Manfredo and Charlie Powell, were active pall bearers.

▲The Cauliflower Alley Club of Los Angeles, an organization composed of great boxers and wrestlers of yesteryear and sports minded individuals, sponsored a benefit show to raise funds for the Wilshire District Boys Club a division of the Los Angeles Police Department youth recreation services. Mike Mazurki, former wrestling great now a movie actor is President of the Cauliflower Club.

The show was held at the Los Angeles Elks Club. Entertainment was provided by Frankie Goodman's "Kid Glovers", who boxed exhibitions against boxers of the Wilshire Boys Club. The Hollywood Movie Stuntman's Association provided a ju-jitsu and karate exhibition.

In attendance were former boxing champs Jimmy McLarning, William "Gorilla" Jones and Mushy Callahan. Also attending were wrestling greats Ed Don George, Lord Carlton, Jim Londos and Dave Levin. Former boxers Lou Nova and Noble "Kid" Chissell alternated in MC'ing the show.

Former light heavyweight champ Archie Moore also made a personal appearance with his ABC (Any Boy Can) Boys Club boxing team participating in the boxing exhibitions.

MIKE QUARRY GETS ● NOD OVER RASCON ●

By BART RIPP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Mike Quarry, 177, Orlando, Fla., and Bobby Rascon, 171, Tucson, Ariz., a pair of light heavyweights who had been knocked out in the past by world champion Bobby Foster, fought a 10-round main event in the champ's hometown, with Quarry taking a unanimous decision.

The surprisingly close decision was booed by many of the estimated 2,000 in the Civic Auditorium. The partisan Rascon crowd hurled crushed paper cups and fruit into the ring after the decision was announced.

Judge Willis Barnes scored the bout 99-93 for Quarry, while judge V. Kosloski had it 97-94 and referee Jim Cleary marked it 98-95. Our scorecard had Quarry winning, 97-95.

The few times Rascon threw punches out of his stalking crouch early in the fight, he connected solidly to the 22-year-old Quarry's head.

Quarry, who had been kayoed in the fourth round of a June 22, 1972 title fight by Foster in Las Vegas, Nev., began landing some hard jabs in the fourth and fifth rounds, but the 32-year-old Rascon's hooks out of the crouch still pestered the younger fighter.

Frank Brazell, Quarry's trainer, told his man to go inside between the sixth and seventh rounds and Quarry began to score with combinations and was beating Rascon to the punch.

Although still off balance, Quarry began connecting more from long range with hooks and jabs in the final three rounds, which were the rounds that won him the battle.

For Rascon, it was his first fight in Albuquerque since suffering a second round KO at the fists of Foster exactly nine years ago to the date in the same Civic ring.

Foster provided the highlight of the evening for the crowd when he boxed a three-round exhibition with Dallas light heavyweight Fred Wallace.

Arturo Leon, 137, Bisbee, Ariz., opened the festivities by forging a convincing six-round decision over Nick Aflado, 137, Tucson, Ariz.

Glen Morgan, 161, of Orlando, Fla., by way of Richfield, Minn., kept his KO record intact by stopping Richard Zalgado, 171, of Tucson, Ariz., at 2:53 of the second round. A smashing right by Morgan, the best punch of the night, knocked Zalgado down midway through the second, then a tremendous right cross flattened the Arizonian, who took the count while sitting campfire-style on the mat.

Morgan has now won all nine of his pro bouts by knockout.

In the semifinal, bantamweight Earl Large of Clovis, N.M., kayoed Chato Lopez of Tucson, Arix., at 2:57 of the fifth round. Large, 27-7 and an employee of the Clovis Sanitation Dept., cleaned up Lopez in every round with some classic left-right combinations.

The card marked what local promoter Paul Chavez said would be the first of regular pro shows here, with the Duke City joining Houston, Tex., Orlando and Tampa, Fla., in a southern boxing alliance that will be headed by Florida promoter Pete Ashlock.

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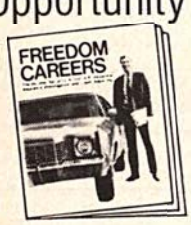

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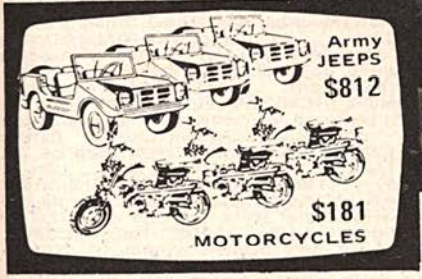

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FRANK DOBALES is doing a fine job moving his Blasting Basque, JEAN MATEO on the west coast—. . the fuel shortage forced the government to shut down the local Armory in Indianapolis, but young promoter BRUCE TRAMPLER is running some smaller club shows in the Hoosier towns of New Castle and Terre Haute, featuring light heavyweight IRISH JERRY EVANS and lightweight Stormin' NORMAN GOINS. . . .TRAMPLER is also a globetrotter with his veteran middleweight socker, BILLY "DYNAMITE" DOUGLAS, taking bouts anywhere—"if the price is right". . . .A JEFF MERRITT—BOONE KIRKMAN match is in the wind for a Seattle ring. . . .but KIRKMAN'S board of strategy" would love to plane to London for a tiff with England's top dog, JOE BUGNER. . . . One of the top managers operating today has to be N.Y.C.'s AL BACHMAN, who is the son of the late—"dean of the old time fight managers"—FRANK E. BACHMAN, whose word was his bond, when he managed three world champions, BOB OLIN, MAXIE ROSENBLOOM and LEW JENKINS. . . . HOWIE STEINDLER, manager of featherweight DANNY "LITTLE RED" LOPEZ is also the owner of the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles. . . . When veteran boxing manager SUEY WELCH passed away recently in Los Angeles, boxing lost a great man—who devoted his life to the game and a former business associate of SUEY, who engaged in a sports enterprise paid him his greatest tribute when he said—"SUEY, I'd rather have you count the money than myself."

BILL and JIM CONNOLLY, South Boston gym operators are the blokes who have boxing back in the spotlight in Boston—with their shows at the Don Bosco High School Gym, right in the heat of Beantown. . . .and their gym is loaded with talent for their monthly boxing shows. . . . LEE MANDINGO, who was kayoed by DUANE BOBICK in a Mickey Davies promotion in San Diego to a sellout house, is really the aged Milwaukee veteran, ORVILLE QUALLS—MANDO RAMOS, former lightweight king who was washed up at the age of 24—is the lad who covered the JOSE NAPOLES—CARLOS MONZON middleweight title fight from Paris for a Spanish television outlet—the one-time king is back in the gym, but only to lose weight. . . Former New England middleweight contender JOE DeNUCCI will run for a representative's seat in the Massachusetts legislature. . .JOE has been in the "state house" in Boston for 14 years as a page boy—. . . JIMMY SMITH, former big league ball player, and father-in-law of BILLY CONN passed away in Pittsburgh—. . .Fighters today looking for a top trainer, should contact LOU GROSS at Miami Beach—LOU has worked with 17 world champions. . .and in his many years in boxing is considered the "top guy". . . . It is always good to hear from my old friend GERHARDT STEFFEN, better knownin the annals of pugdom as WILLIE RITCHIE now living in Milbrae, California. . . .WILLIE just passed his 84th milestone. . .and he won the lightweight title from AD WOLGAST on November 28th, 1912—weighting 133 pounds . . .increased the weight limit the following day to 135—and thereafter that weight became the standard championship limit for the class . . . .The MENDOZA GROUP in Miami Beach formed by Jewish businessmen to help develop boxers in their area—is named after DANIEL MENDOZA, a Hebrew who toured the British Isles and Ireland with Astey's Circus, way back in 1784—MENDOZA was the first Jewish fighter ever. . . . The group has light heavyweight VINNIE CURTO—and a brand new heavyweight sensation under contract named JIMMY SCOTT, a lad who'll bear watching. . . MICKEY CAREY, former lightweight boxer of years gone by, now is at downtown Miami Beach's Place Pigalle as a bartender. . . TERRY DOWNES and the late DICK TIGER fought for promoter HARRY GROSSMITH in London years ago and they both became champions. . . . There were occasions years back when preliminary fighters had a good pay-day—remember BUDDY BAER, brother of late former champ, MAX, when he picked up $41,222 for a six-rounder against FORD SMITH on the JOE LOUIS—MAX BAER heavyweight card at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 25th, 1935—. . . . ARNOLD CREAM—(JERSEY JOE WALCOTT) just passed his 60th milestone. . . .where does the time fly—. . . ? ? If VINNIE CURTO ever does win the light heavyweight crown, BOB ARBETTER at Arbetter Hot Dogs in Southwest Miami intends to serve "free" Boston baked beans with his tempting hot dogs—as CURTO is originally out of Boston—but doing his battling around Miami. . . . Former middleweight champ, FREDDIE STEELE hit 61 recently—. . . JACKIE FIELDS won the Olympic gold medal in Paris in 1924—the same year that veteran top fight trainer LOU GROSS, started his boxing career—and AL LACY top Boston trainer was the man who handled the team. . . . JOHNSTIES, CHRIS DUNDEE'S "glove man" at boxing shows at Miami Beach is the fastest short order cook around. . . . Good to hear my old pal, BURKE EMERY, former Canadian light-heavyweight champion has made a complete recovery from his disk operation. . . and back on the boxing beat. . . .EMERY is presently training featherweight sensation, ART HAFEY, battling in South California rings. . . . GIL CLANCY'S handling of erratic JERRY QUARRY has given the Irishman, who missed often when the chips were down, a new lease of his fistic life. . . . Ex-champ, MUHAMMAD ALI is "out of money" it took to cover a speeding ticket while doing 75 miles per hour in a 55 mile an hour zone. . . . JOE GRAMBY has light heavyweight RICHIE KATES on the right track and he'll be heard from this summer against top ranked opposition. . .Massachusetts battler PAUL CARDOZA is a lab technician at the Tobey Hospital in Wareham, Mass. . .he's a smart boy. . . .The one draw back in the career of SUGAR RAY SEALES could be that he is a southpaw—and that style isn't too appealing to those who always shout for sustained action. . . .but he's been a winner to date. . . West coast middleweight INDIAN GEORGE DAVIS split with manager ALLEN MOORE and is under the combined banner of ED BARBIERI and BILL SANFORD now. . . . TONY MUNDINE, promising middleweight contender from "down under" once was a promising Rugby League football player. . .the 22 year old Aborigine, who devotes himself entirely to training, has given up his regular job as a builder's laborer. . .and hopes to become the "king of the world" within the next two years. . . . One of the top boxing promoters and matchmakers in this business is CHRIS DUNDEE down at Miami Beach—his top boxing shows are consistent—plenty of action—the matches are even—a genuine artist. . .he has great personal pride in pleasing the customers. . . Boston promoter SUBWAY SAM SILVERMAN had to cancel any future boxing shows for spacious and clean Brockton, Mass., (ROCKY MARCIANO'S hometown) gym—when the school committee went up on the rent. . . . Nebraska heavyweight RON STANDER spent the better part of the winter at Miami Beach trying to get in shape for a return to the ring wars this summer. . . . EDDIE FUTCH did a great job getting JOE FRAZIER ready for the second ALI fight, but I thought JOE fought ALI'S fight—but then again, it will take a genius to outwit ANGELO DUNDEE—and ALI knows this, this is why ANGIE is always around when the advice is needed—. . . .

THE RESIN BOX, written on the west coast by all gal reporters—is being swamped with subscription offers—. DOC BRAVERMAN has his ancient heavyweight AMOS JOHNSON back in action, after AMOS suffered an injury on his factory job to his hand. . . . People still think JOE JACOBS' memorable line—"I shoulda stood in bed", came after a MAX SCHMELING bout—that's not true. . . . JOE went to Detroit to see the Chicago Cubs battle the Tigers in a world series game in 1935—and lost a big bet on the Cubs. . . .that's when he said it. . . ! !

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PAPKE, VICTOR OVER KETCHEL, LOVING ONLY TOO WELL, SHOT FORMER WIFE AND SELF

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Edna and their three sons. Unlike many boxers at the end of their careers, Papke was quite secure financially. He had extensive property holdings in Altadena as well as a 10 acre citrus grove in the Los Angeles suburb of San Dimas.

At the time of his death in 1936, when a beer was still a dime, Papke's estate was valued at $75,000.

Retirement brought on difficult times for Papke. For more than a decade his whole life had revolved around boxing. Suddenly, there was no more training, no more preparing for the next fight.

Papke had been an aggressive and often violent man in the ring. Retired, he no longer had a physical outlet for that aggression.

When Papke ended his boxing career he was still in his late twenties, near the peak of his life physically. He was a restless, goal-oriented human being who for the first time in his life had no goals.

As time passed, Papke's marital relationship with Edna began to deteriorate. Billy had always been very much in love with Edna. He was also extremely jealous.

When most of Papke's time had been occupied with his boxing career, this jealous trait had made their marriage difficult. Now that he was around home much of the time, with little or nothing to do, his extreme jealousy made life for Edna impossible.

Another difficulty with the Papke's marriage was the fact that Edna was a product of the roaring 20's and was the liberated American woman of the thirties. On the other hand, Billy had been brought up in the tradition of immigrant midwestern coal miners where the husband ruled the household with an iron hand.

Billy had always disapproved of the dances and parties given by Mrs. Papke's wealthy, college-educated friends. He was not much of a drinker or socializer. Having had little formal education, he felt extremely uncomfortable at these parties.

His jealous nature towards Edna didn't help much, either. On a couple of occasions he created a scene at the parties by loudly accusing his wife of flirtatious behavior with other men.

Eventually Papke stopped attending the parties and curtailed Edna's social life almost completely.

In 1935, as the Papke's youngest son, Robert, approached his 21st birthday, Edna moved from their Altadena home and took up separate residence in an apartment on wealthy Balboa Island.

She claimed the ocean air relieved her hay fever condition. Billy believed she was meeting other men for immoral purposes, although there's nothing to indicate any impropriety in Mrs. Papke's life.

Papke, fighting his last fight, repeatedly visited his wife, pleading for reconciliation. When she would refuse him he often left in a rage, threatening to kill her.

Mrs. Papke's neighbors had advised her to swear out a complaint against Billy, but she scoffed at the threats, saying, "Billy will never hurt me."[2]

In August of 1936, Edna Papke received her final judgement of divorce by default.

Even though Billy Papke hadn't contested the divorce in court, he continued his visits to Edna's Balboa apartment imploring reconciliation. He would usually wind up losing his temper and again threaten to kill both his wife and himself.

On one of these occasions Papke pulled out a gun. His sons intervened, taking the gun from him, unloading and hiding it.

Edna Papke now realized the seriousness of Billy's threats. She finally consented to go with a close friend to Los Angeles the day after Thanksgiving to get the authorities to protect her.

But, on November 26, 1936, Thanksgiving Day, Billy Papke was working at Fireman Jim Flynn's cafe and ten cent beer parlor. Papke acted as host for the downtown Los Angeles Main Street bar just to kill time and keep his mind occupied.

Although he had never been much of a drinker, he began to hit the bottle hard after his wife left him. This day, as usual, he'd been drinking quite heavily as he mingled with the customers.

Shortly before 5 p.m., Papke came over to Ben Rosenberg, owner of Fireman Jim Flynn's, and threw an arm around him.

"Is anything troubling you, Ben?" Papke asked.

"Not a thing," Rosenberg replied. "I'm going home for that turkey dinner."

"I'll go too," muttered Papke.

Papke turned from Rosenberg, brushed aside an effusive customer and without saying another word, left the bar.

Outside, a gaudy poster proclaimed: 'Meet Billy Papke, your host. Enjoy the personality and simplicity of a great fighter.'

Papke got into his car and drove the 25 miles to his wife's Balboa Island address.

Helen Cabanne, the apartment manager, was in Mrs. Papke's sitting room when there was a knock on the door and Billy Papke entered.

"Is mommie here?" Papke asked.

About that time Mrs. Papke entered the room from her dressing room. Helen Cabanne became terrified, knowing of the threats Papke had made. Hurriedly, she tried to leave the apartment, but the door was jammed.

While Mrs. Cabanne struggled with the door, Billy Papke drew a .38 caliber revolver, pressed it against Edna Papke's breast, and fired.

Mrs. Cabanne managed to jerk the door open and fled down the outside stairs. As she ran she heard two more shots. Paralyzed with fear, she hid in the garage from where she heard another two shots. She flagged down a passing car, then called the police.

There was no inquest. The authorities marked off the case as a murder and a suicide. Edna Papke had been shot three times. Billy had then shot himself in the chest twice. Billy Papke was 50, Edna Eloise was 46.

After Papke's death, H.B. Murray, a former prizefight manager and one of Papke's closest friends, was quoted in the local newspaper:

"Billy Papke was a one woman man and because he never loved—or even paid any attention, to any other woman than his wife, he killed his wife and then took his own life."

Murray continued, "The same stubborn will which took him to heights in the prize ring made it impossible for him to accept defeat in his domestic affairs.

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WEPNER EASY VICTOR OVER "MOLEMAN" WILLIAMS

By RONNIE "BURNS" BOUSE

NORTH BERGEN, N.J.—Promoter Jimmy Colotto ushered in the 1974 boxing year at North Bergen's Embassy Hall with N.J. heavy champ Chuck Wepner going against Billy "Moleman" Williams of Vineland, a spareMate of Joe Frazier's, in the star attraction of ten rounds and the co-feature spotlighted Newark's Reggie Jones of Olympic Fame. This attractive card sold out the house, a rarity these days in boxing.

When the bell rang to start the main go, it was apparent Wepner had come to fight as he met his foe with a barrage of blows. But crafty Williams, who was seconded by Eddie Futch, the trainer of Joe Frazier, went on the run with the Ali shuffle.

Wepner smashed his foe into the ropes with jabs, then raked the cute Williams with body blows. At the end, ref Ronnie Burns had "Big" Chuck the winner, 8 rounds to 2.

The six-round semi was a thriller. Reggie Jones crossed gloves with tough New York Carlos "The Bomb" Stevens from Santo Domingo, who, three nights before, had KOd the undefeated John Copobianco at the Felt Forum in N.Y. It appeared that Jones, who was making his first pro start, was in over his head as he tasted some heavy wallops. As the bout went on, Jones began to show the class that won him olympic fame. After a heated exchange in the fourth, he flashed over a left hook that dropped his 160-pound foe for the full count.

Another six saw Wild Bill Carlson, 215, Dumont, add another KO win to his string when he dumped Sonny Brown, Philly heavy in the fourth.

In other bouts, Rube Gonzales, 135, NYC, outpointed Doran Viruet, 135, N.Y. in six. The opener saw Larry Giello, 158, Bayonne KO D. Saunders, 160, N.Y. in the first round.

WAJIMA HONORED; BEATS De OLIVEIRA

By JOE Y. KOIZOMI

TOKYO, JAPAN—Koichi Wajima was elected Japan's Fighter of the Year by Tokyo Boxing Writers Club. He knocked out Silvano Bertini of Italy in 12 rounds to keep his long-held version of the WBA.

Other awards were given to following ringsters: Valuable victory, Yasutsune Uehara; Efforts, Susumu Hanagata; Fighting Spirit, Kuniaki Shibata; Knockout, Royal Kobayashi and Rookie Citation to Flipper Uehara. Yasu Uehara defeated Ricardo Arredondo, WBC's leader, by a lopsided decision in a nontitle go. Hanagata, perennial contender in the 112-pound class as well as national leader, received a high evaluation for his 10-year career. Shibata, dethroned as titlist by Ben Villaflor in a rematch, had a still fine campaign from year-end viewpoint. He wrested the 130-pound class laurels from Villaflor to become the second Japanese to win two class titles. Shibata's first crown was taken from featherweight Vicente Saldivar years ago. Kobayashi, ex-Olympian hope, won all seven since he turned pro. The young puncher sent six victims to dreamland. Flipper, brother of Yasu Uehara, made a pro debut in Hawaii and decked a good record of 6-9 with 4 KOs.

The Club announced a well-received choice of Fight of the Year, which went to the Masao Ohba Chartchai Chionoi 15-round competition. Masao died in an auto accident weeks after he demolished the Thai rival in 12 furious rounds.

▲Arab Suga, previously under the name of Shizuo Suga, upset Hiroyuki Murakami by an opening round kayo in a scheduled 10 rounder. The veteran loser who returned recently from a foreign campaign revealed his lantern jaw. Suga compiled a record of 15-1-1 (8 kayos) and weighed 135 pounds, a half heavier than Hiro. Another veteran victim was Tatenao Mitsuyama, who proved his vaunted toughness but was outpunched by younger Harber Watanabe in 10. Watanabe scored a shutout decision by taking command in eight rounds. He entered the ring at 139½, Mitsuyama 139 pounds.

▲Hiroshima saw a local favorite named Katsumi Watanabe, 134, flat for the count by Gold Jo, 132½, pounds, in two. Jo dropped the loser in the first session and finished him with a two-fisted attack.

▲A card of four tenners by Japanese v.s. Koreans drew some 2,000 customers at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo. Hitoshi Nakagawa, new junior middleweight leader of Japan, was stopped in round three, after he was battered badly and dropped on three occasions. The winner was Min Cho, 155¼. The loser who caused a disappointment of the crowd scaled 155½ pounds. Takao Maruki, Japan, scored an upset win from Hyon Kim, former Orient feather titlist, in 10 fast rounds. Maruki, 130 and a ¼ pounder heavier than Kim, was trotting swiftly to keep himself elusive from power punching of the Korean. His strategy was successful. Kim missed plenty, while the Japanese rookie countpunched him with a fine precision. . Osamu Haba, 111½, was a points winner from Don-Ki Cho, 112¾, in 10 monotonous rounds. Kenji Shibata, 158½ and ex-Shinjin-o leader, was kayoed too early by Kwong-Won Kang, 159, to show how much he made a progress. . The time was 2 minutes and 24 seconds of the first session. Kang was aggressive enough to swarm over the inexperienced guy into submission.

▲Six-footer Hideo Kanazawa, 154, barely kept his Orient junior middle title when he beat Dommy Cotacte, 148¼, of the Philippines in 12 dull rounds. Some 2500 fans were in attendance at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Though Hide took five rounds and lost none, he apparently appeared to be out of shape. He lacked usual speed and power. If the Filipino had been more courageous, the contest, lack of an action throughout, would have been hotter enough to avoid the ref's frequent order to make them fight hard. In a semi Osamu Toku, 125½, lost to Waringe Nakayama, 154, in 10 frames. Nakayama, Olympic medalist from Kenya and now living in Japan, proved his stamina going to the distance without an exhaustion after the previous loss to Ushiwakamaru Harada. The lanky jabber made a good use of his left hand and floored Toku with a right shot to the body. The decision was unanimous.

▲A contest of lefthanders resulted in Shinichi Sato's onesided decision. Shoichi Yamagawa, 142 pounds and a half pound heavier than the winner, gamely came on a mix-up, but was battered all to sticks throughout the bout. Sato, sharper and swifter, hit the target well to have the foe on the deck for the mandatory eight count in the second round. In a lightweight semi, Tamio Negishi dropped Masanori Kitamura for the count in the eighth session.

▲A happening amazed estimated 1000 customers at Korakuen Hall. Mitsuo Ohashi, best Shinjin-O of this year, collapsed thrice and was out automatically at the hand of quite unknown Sakae Nakamura in the second canto. Nakamura, weighing at 127, bored in and released a roundhouse right at the face of Ohashi, 127½. Down the taller went. The prohibitive favorite, even after regaining his feet, was wobbly only to take another barrage. Ohashi was sent to the floor twice more and the third man awarded an unexpected KO to the newcomer. A semi-final saw Masashi Nakamoto polish off Juro Jo in the fourth round. They were young featherweights.

▲A final of East-Japan Shinjin-o tournament took place for 2300 fans that packed Korakuen Hall well. Flyweight; Ko Watanabe decisioned Tomiji Matsuoka in 6. Bantamweight; Hisami Numata whipped Tatsunoshi Ishimi lopsidedly in 6. Featherweight; Hidemaru Sugawara got off the canvas in the second, fought back gamely and seized a decision from Masami Ito. in 6. Junior featherweight; Hisao Sakurai floored Isami Nishimura time and again to finish him in the second round. Lightweight; Eishu Suzuki outpunched Shoji Uchida in 6 hard-fought sessions. Welterweight; Isoo Fujisaka and Toshio Sakata fought the additional 7th canto, and the former became the winner, for they fought quite evenly in 6 rounds.

▲Veteran windmill Ushiwakamaru Harada, 124¾, became the feather leader of Japan, as he outmaneuvered Masanao San, 125 pounds, in 10 bruising rounds. San whose previous defense against Masanao Toyashima was an impressive third round kayo lost his usual style and combinations as well because of Harada's non-stop body attack. Ushi battered the weekness of the defending champ, bread basket, to make his feet fading effectively. A close but unanimous duke went to the veteran who had fought for nine years to win his second national title.

▲Osaka witnessed Shoji Tsujimoto, welter boss of Japan, meet Bull Kato in a rematch after a close decision in Feb last. Shoji was a points winner again. Kato, shorter and rougher, tried to catch the elusive Fancy Dan, whose lefty style, however, annoyed him so much that the proceedings were monotonously in Shoji's favor. It was the defending champ's 13th win (4 KOs) against one loss, while Kato's 5th defeat against 16 wins (12 KOs).

▲Rising prospect Royal Kobayashi made it eight in a row since his pro debut, as he registered the seventh consecutive KO over Hiroshi Fuse in the fourth stanza of a scheduled 10 rounder. Being lost in a quarter final in Munchen Olympic Games, Kobayashi turned pro to be guided by a supervision of Yoshinori Takahashi, ex-Oriental welter leader. His showings were all hot and crowd-pleasing but one, that of his first with Baron Kumazawa, whom the rookie dropped once but could not finish due to the veteran's tremendous durability. Kobayashi was give KO Award from Boxing Writers Club after six straight knockout last year. His future seems bright.

▲Reports from Guam said Japanese ring men were welcome to cause fistic sensations there. Eagle Sato, ex-champ, kayoed Albert Becera with a strong right in the 7th round. Masahiro Misako halted Phil Robinson, favorite Filipino, in round three. Teruyoshi Joji, junior lightweight Shijin-o in Osaka, scored well with a solid left to demolish Fred Zayas, P.I., in the 7th. Hiromi Sato was TKOed by Joe Saroma in round five. Noriyoshi Yoshimura was defeated by Hernani Apatan, P.I. in a hairline 130-pound tenner.

▲Busy and tricky Koichi Wajima, 153 pounds, kept boring in, chased a Brazilian named Miguel de Oliveira, 153¾, all the way and won a majority decision in 15 hard-fought rounds at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium. The official verdict which was well-received by some 12,000 customers was as follows: referee Ebine 73-73, judge Kanaya 74-71 and judge Sasaki 73-70 (the latter two gave the votes to Wajima.) Most of critics saw that Wajima might be beaten by younger Oliveira, for the Brazilian had shown his superiority in speed and power in their first disputed 15 rounder. Koichi, determined Japanese who held the WBA's version of 154-pound class, fought quite well from strategic point of view. Oliveira, taller willing puncher, started a fire-work early in the contest, but the shorter outmaneuvered him by mixing it up and avoiding his opponent's solid attack. Before the seventh canto began, Wajima lost only one round, the third, and Oliveira bled from the right eyebrow and the nose as well. His perpetual movement made Oliveira's punches missing too often to make him fade faster than Wajima expected. The 30 yr. old Japanese turned aggressive, for the seventh on, to batter the unbeaten guy, 25, with jolting blows. Wajima took the 7th and 8th rounds with a clearcut margin. In the eighth stanza the sending a barrage to the gory face. Though the combatants fought evenly on the scoresheets from the 9th to the 12th, the tide obviously turned in favor of scrappy Wajima. He had the Brazilian with the rough two-fisted attack from corner to corner. Wajima was again in command backpedaling in the 13th session. As Oliveira's footwork faded, the Japanese threw jolting lefts to the face to have his gash wider. They battled two more even rounds. A popular decision was awarded to Wajima, underdog from the difference of the age and the physique, whose hot showings had the witnesses on their feet. It was Wajima's 29th win (24 KOs) against two defeats and one draw, while Oliveira's first setback against 34 wins (23 KOs) and one draw. This rematch was as hard-fought as the previous controversial one, however the verdict was popular this time even for Brazilian papers. In a supporting 10 rounder Flasher Ishibashi, middleweight boss of Japan, whipped Edmond Reyte, Brazil, by a unanimous decision. Another scheduled tenner was finished by Shinichi Kadota, Japan, who demolished Filipino Rigardo Rivera in 4.

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CHIONOI UPSET BY CABANELA

By TED YAMACHIKA

Honolulu—World flyweight champion Chartchai Chionoi was rudely upset by unranked Fernando Cabanela of the Philippines in an overweight match at the HIC arena.

The ten round decision was a unanimous one, lopsidedly in favor of the Filipino fighter. Referee Walter Cho had it 50-43, while judges Tamotsu Tomihara and Wilbert Minn had scores of 49-43 and 50-45 respectively.

The Thai champion at 122½ appeared much too heavy. He didn't have the zip expected of a class fighter and his performance was a definite disappointment to the 3,500 fans who showed up. Cabanela weighed 118¾.

Bert Nabalatan, 125, Philippines, knocked out Masashi Nakamoto, 126, Japan, in the 4th of 10.

Domi Manalang, 128¼, Philippines, beat Moses Armas, 128, Mexico, in 5.

Teddy Limoz, 189, Honolulu, TKO'ed Etuale Sua, 205, Honolulu, in 2.

Tanny Amancio, 119¾, Philippines, stopped Bridigo Martinez, 123, Mexico, in the 1st rd.

▲Charlie James, 180, Los Angeles, TKO'ed the highly favored Terry Hinke, 217, Oregon champion, in the 5th of a scheduled tenner. The fight was actually stopped on the advice of the State Boxing Commission Dr. Herbert Nam because Hinke suffered a cut on both eyes, the first in the 3rd round and on the second eye later on. But nothing could be taken away from the cute James. He dominated the fight while it lasted and left no doubt that he was the better fighter.

Lito Manes, 132, Philippines, defeated Yoshihiko Ogawa, 131½, Japan, in another tenner.

Susumu Inoue, 115, Japan, TKO'ed Alberto Cabanig, 116, Philippines, in the 8th and final rd.

Tony Amor, 125, Philippines, beat Toshio Fujisawa, 124, Japan. 5.

Takeshi Watanabe, 145, Japan, and David Bruce, 146, Honolulu, drew in 4 rds.

▲Masa Toyoshima, 125, Japan, knocked out Carlos Perez, 126, Los Angeles, in the 1st of 10.

Al Gutierrez, 113, Philippines, knocked out Alfonso Gonzales, 114, Mexico, in the 2nd of 10.

Ely Axinto, 115, Philippines, beat Mitsuru Sen, 113, Japan. 6.

Virgilio Legaspi, 125, Philippines, chilled Yuichi Fujita, 124, Japan, in the 3rd of 5.

Toshi Fujisawa, 135, TKO'ed Chris Sebastian, 134, Philippines, in the 4th of 5.

▲Tury Pineda, 134, Los Angeles, knocked out Rico Toledo, 135, Philippines, in the 10th round in one of the most punishing fights seen at the HIC in a long while. The lead changed from one fighter to the other several times but Pineda proved the more durable.

"Buzz Saw" Yamabe, 133, Japan, needed but one round to put the sleeper on Jose Macias, 134, Mexico, in a scheduled tenner.

Jose Ubanez, 115, Philippines, beat Masahiko Takeuchi, 114, Japan, 5.

Anecito Vargas, 111, Philippines, defeated Mitsuru Sen, 112, Japan, 5.

Virgilio Legaspi, 124, Philippines, defeated Yuichi Fujita, 123, Japan, in 5.

BIDERAN STOPS IBARRA IN 8th

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

OCorrientes—In the light junior class Hugo Bidyeran kayoed Romulo Ibarra in the 8th round.

▲**Parana**—In the bantam class Juan Carlos Lazzari outpointed Osvaldo Arce in 8 rounds.

▲**Huinca Renanco**—In the light class Carlos Bustos whipped Fernando Ocampo in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca**—Juan "Yanni" Garcia beat Mario Delgado by points in 10 rounds. They are middles junior.

▲**Rio Tercero**—Carlos Peralta won Juan C. Aranda in 10 rounds. They are welters.

▲**Cordoba**—In the welters junior class Julio C. Saba and Juan Carlos Rios drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Concordia**—In the welter division Rogelio and Miguel Fernandez drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Balcarce**—In the welter class Ramon Ramirez beat Eduardo Sandoval by points in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario**—In the light class Carlos Portillo kayoed Ramon Oviedo in second round.

▲**Cordoba**—In the welter junior class Ramon Perez won Hector Caceres in 10 rounds.

▲**Mar de I Plata**—Miguel Angel Coria kayoed Aldo Retamales in the 8th round.

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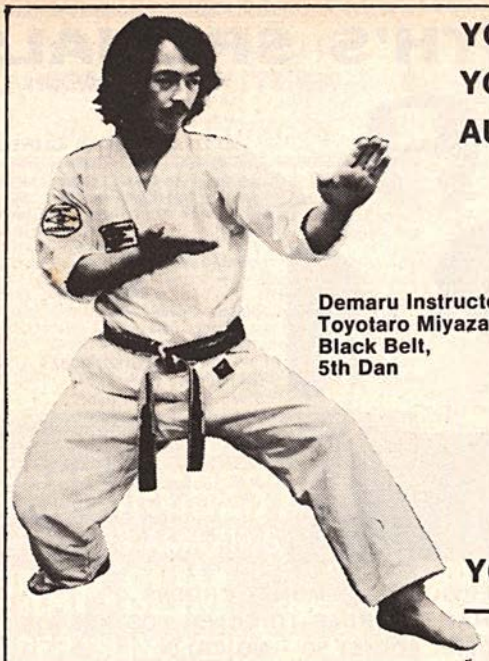

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